

GREEN DAY



Obama Presses Climate Agenda In Everglades

President Barack Obama walks the Anhinga Trail at Everglades National Park, Fla., Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Obama visited the Everglades on Earth Day to talk about how global warming threatens the U.S. economy. He says rising sea levels are putting the "economic engine for the South Florida tourism industry" at risk.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

**MICHAEL D. SHEAR
CORAL DAVENPORT
© 2015 New York Times**

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Wednesday made his first visit while in office to the Florida Everglades, choosing the backyard of a former Republican governor of the state, Jeb Bush, and

its Republican senator, Marco Rubio, to demand action on climate change in a critical battleground in the 2016 presidential election.

Officially, Obama was commemorating the 45th Earth Day with a series of announcements, including the designation of a na-

tional historic landmark at the home of the environmentalist who led efforts to rescue the grassy marshes of the Everglades. But the president's trip was also intended to sharpen a political contrast with Republicans in ways that will help the Democratic Party in the presidential contest, espe-

cially in states like Florida, where the impact of climate change is being felt in profound ways.

"This is an effort to raise this debate," Josh Earnest, the president's press secretary, told reporters Tuesday evening. "Those Republicans that choose to deny the reality of climate change,

they do that to the detriment of the people they are elected to represent." Earnest added, "The debate that we seek is one that puts this issue in a prominent place on the public agenda."

Continued on page 4

Doin' it low & slow

Enjoy authentic Southern barbecue at Aruba's only smokehouse...serving beef brisket, pulled pork, baby back ribs, grouper, and more!

1st place Champions of Battle of the Food Trucks

tripadvisor 5.0/5

Winner of TripAdvisor's Award of Excellence

the Hollywood Smokehouse

ARUBA

Located at Alhambra Casino & Shops. Hours: Tues-Thurs 5pm to 10pm, Fri-Sat-Sun noon to 10pm (closed Mondays). Phone: 280-9989

Drone found on roof of Japanese prime minister's office

MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese authorities said they were investigating after a small drone laced with traces of radiation was found

No injuries or damage were reported from the incident, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was in Indonesia to attend an Asian-African conference. Police said it was not im-

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said a drone landing at the prime minister's office was a wakeup call to problems caused by the unmanned aerial devices,

"There is a possibility that drones might be used for terrorist attacks," Suga told a regular news conference. "Taking into consideration the latest incident, we will review drone use and measures for possible terrorist attacks using drones. We'll do our utmost to prevent terrorist attacks."

It was not clear when the drone landed. Officials at the prime minister's office, located in central Tokyo, said they rarely go up to the roof, which is also used as a heliport in case of an emergency. News reports said the drone was found by an official who was taking new employees on a tour of the prime minister's office.

What was initially considered only a mishap turned eerie when investigators detected small traces of radiation from the drone, which police said were not levels harmful to humans. TV video showed several uniformed policemen without hazmat suits carrying a blue plastic box containing the drone for further examination.

Video from public television broadcaster NHK earlier showed dozens of police officers and officials

around the drone, which was covered by a blue tarp.

The drone was about 50 centimeters (1.7 feet) in diameter and had four propellers, carrying a small camera and a plastic bottle with unidentified content inside, according to Tokyo's Metropolitan Police Department. It said the bottle is believed to be the source of radioactive cesium contamination. The drone was also decorated with a symbol that warns of radioactive material, according to NHK.

Small drones are becoming increasingly popular in Japan and are often used for performances, aerial filming and other purposes, but have been raising safety concerns.

In the United States in January, a wayward drone flown by an off-duty intelligence employee crashed on the White House grounds, raising questions over how commercial and consumer drones can be used safely in the U.S.

Japanese aviation laws have no restrictions for flying unmanned equipment at or below 250 meters (820 feet) above ground except for flight routes. □



Investigators gather around a small drone covered with blue sheets, on the roof of Prime Minister Shizo Abe's official residence in Tokyo Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Japanese authorities were investigating Wednesday after the small drone reportedly containing traces of radiation was found on the roof of the prime minister's office, sparking concerns about drones and their possible use for terrorist attacks. (Tsuyoshi Ueda/Kyodo News via AP)

Wednesday on the roof of the prime minister's office, sparking concerns about drones and their possible use for terrorist attacks.

mediately known who was responsible for the drone. They were investigating the possibility it had crashed during a flight.

including possible terrorist attacks when Japan hosts a Group of Seven summit next year, as well as the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Italy: UN presence in Niger, Sudan can help migrant crisis

FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italy pressed the EU on Wednesday to devise robust steps to stop the deadly tide of migrants crossing the Mediterranean, including considering military intervention against smugglers and boosting U.N. refugee offices in countries bordering Libya.

"We know where the smugglers keep their boats, where they gather," said Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti. "The plans for military intervention are there."

Some 90 percent of smugglers' boats leave from Libya, where the lack of a central authority coupled with extremists affiliated with the Islamic State group have contributed to chaos

and lawlessness that have allowed criminal trafficking networks to proliferate.

Pinotti said Italy was willing to take the helm of any military intervention if asked and as long as it is carried out as an international mission, backed by the United Nations.

"We're ready to do our share," she told Sky TG24. "We're the closest country to Libya."

Pinotti spoke a day before EU leaders hold an emergency summit in Brussels called in the wake of a shipwreck off Libya last weekend that may have killed more than 800 migrants. It would be the highest known loss of migrants' lives in a single incident in the Mediterranean.

Continued on Page 27



Migrants wait to disembark from the Italian Navy vessel 'Chimera' in the harbor of Salerno, Italy, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Italy pressed the European Union on Wednesday to devise concrete, robust steps to stop the deadly tide of migrants on smugglers' boats in the Mediterranean, including setting up refugee camps in countries bordering Libya. (AP Photo/Francesco Pecoraro)

US house panel told of slavery in Thailand's seafood industry

MARTHA MENDOZA
AP National Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Modern-day slavery persists around the world, including the abuse of fishermen in the Thai seafood industry whose catch can end up in U.S. markets, a congressional panel was told Wednesday.

"As has been reported for years, the Thai fishing industry is rife with forced labor, both on the high seas and within seafood processing and packing plants," Mark Lagon, former State Department ambassador for trafficking in persons, told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee.

Lagon, who now heads Freedom House, a non-profit organization that advocates for human rights, said it remains to be seen whether the Obama administration will impose sanctions it is authorized to deploy, which would bar Thai seafood from U.S. markets. The State Department's key weapon for combatting human trafficking comes in a politically charged annual ranking in "tiers"—Tier 1 is best, 2 means more could be done, and 3 is a blacklist that can spark sanctions. The House global human rights subcommittee urged the Obama administration to come down hard on those countries that violate human rights when it releases the report in June.

Rep. Chris Smith said China was prematurely upgraded to Tier 2 in 2014, and singled out Myanmar, also known as Burma, Malaysia and Thailand as countries that need to do more to fight human trafficking across shared borders. Unless they've dramatically changed their law enforcement, prosecutions and investigations, several African countries face automatic downgrades this year.

Smith said the rankings spur parliamentarians, law enforcement officials and advocates globally

"to demand real, measurable change in countries struggling to fight slavery." Last month The Associated Press reported on hundreds of fishermen whose catch is exported from Thailand to the U.S. who were working as modern day slaves, held in cages on the Indonesian island community of Benjina, whipped with sting ray barbs and forced to work at sea for years on end. To date, authorities have rescued some 370 of those men and identified hundreds more still trapped. The fish they netted can wind up in the supply chains of some of America's biggest food sellers, such as Wal-Mart, Sysco and Kroger. It can also find its way into the supply chains of some of the most popular brands of canned pet food, including Fancy Feast, Meow Mix and Iams. The companies have all said they strongly condemn labor abuse and are taking steps to prevent it, such as working with human rights groups to hold subcontractors accountable. And Thai authorities, whose \$7 billion seafood export industry counts the U.S. as a key customer, have said for years they are taking strong steps to clean up labor practices; yet documented abuses persist.

Matthew Smith, who directs Thailand-based Fortify Rights, a nongovernment group, testified that hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims are displaced after widespread attacks in Myanmar and are at grave risk of being trafficked. And he said Myanmar women and girls are often subject to sexual and domestic servitude, or forced to work in the sex industry.

Among those rescued this month from Benjina by Indonesian authorities, Hlaing Min, 32, was told about the congressional hearing while awaiting repatriation to his homeland, Myanmar. □

Emotions disagreements over Obama's trade agenda roil Senate, delay action

C. BABINGTON
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Emotional disagreements over trade erupted in the U.S. Congress on Wednesday, when a liberal senator delayed a committee's likely endorsement of a top trade priority for President Barack Obama.

The day began with Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, a Republican, predicting a "strong bipartisan vote" for "fast track" legislation. The measure would renew presi-

trade proposals have been carefully negotiated and will undergo long public scrutiny. "We need to be doing all we can tear down barriers to American exports while, at the same time, creating enforceable rules for our trading partners so we can be sure that American workers and job creators are competing on a level playing field," Hatch said. He said the committee would work late into the night if necessary to address many proposed amendments. The commit-

tee about how bad this trade deal is, when you dig into the facts, they are wrong." Several top Democrats aren't backing down, however. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid told reporters, "I'm not only no, I'm hell no" on Obama's bid for fast-track authority.

Few issues divide Democrats more than trade. Obama, like former President Bill Clinton, supports free trade, but many Democratic lawmakers do not. Clinton's and Obama's stands — and liberal



AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka, right, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, before a Senate Finance Committee hearing on fast track authority. Major labor unions and business groups clashed over President Barack Obama's bid for "fast track" authority to advance trade deals being negotiated with numerous nations.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

dential authority to present trade deals that Congress can endorse or reject but not amend. But liberal Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent and a fierce opponent of the trade legislation, invoked a Senate scheduling rule to delay the committee's actions for hours. "This job-killing trade deal has been negotiated in secret," said Sanders, who made a lengthy Senate speech denouncing the legislation. "It was drafted with input by special interests and corporate lobbyists, but not from the elected representatives of the American people."

Hatch rejected the claims, saying fast track and other

tee resumed its meeting in the late afternoon.

The Hatch-Sanders dispute is one of many emerging as Congress turns to trade proposals bitterly opposed by labor unions and others who say trade pacts hurt U.S. jobs.

Obama says his Democratic opponents have their facts wrong. He wants fast-track powers to help push free-trade proposals such as the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership. "I would not be doing this trade deal if I did not think it was good for the middle class," Obama said in an interview Tuesday with MSNBC. "When you hear folks make a lot of suggestions

groups' opposition — pose a dilemma for Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former first lady now seeking the presidency herself. Campaigning Tuesday in the early primary voting state of New Hampshire, she declined to say whether she supports the Pacific-rim proposal.

"We need to build things, too," Clinton said, taking a pro-manufacturing stance generally embraced by both parties. "We have to do our part in making sure we have the capabilities and skills to be competitive," she said, while getting back to "a much more focused effort, in my opinion, to try to produce those capacities here at home." □



Obama Presses Climate Agenda In Everglades

Continued from Front

Using the backdrop of the Everglades to demand action on climate change will help put pressure on Bush, who is likely to run for president, and Rubio, who has declared his candidacy, to address the issue. Rubio has repeatedly questioned the established science of human-caused climate change. Bush made restoration of the wetlands a priority during his tenure as governor, but in recent years he has expressed some doubt about the role of humans in causing the planet to get warmer. Despite that doubt, Bush said in New Hampshire this month that the U.S. should negotiate with the rest of the world on reducing carbon emissions. The coming political debate over climate change is likely to be intense. On Tuesday, Gov. Rick Scott of Florida, a Republican who has said that he is not convinced that climate change is "man-made," accused the Obama administration of failing to make good on pledges of \$58 million in funding to help the Everglades. "Our environment is too important to neglect, and it's time for the federal government to focus on real

solutions and live up to their promises," Scott said in a statement. That accusation prompted

House had invited Scott to greet the president upon his arrival at the airport in Miami on Wednesday, but

carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants. Republicans have called the rules a "war on coal" that could

leads to rising sea levels, intensified droughts and heavier rainstorms.

"Rising sea levels are putting a national treasure, and an economic engine for the South Florida tourism industry, at risk," Obama said in his weekly address Sunday.

The president has cited studies showing that the incursion of seawater, which is expected to intensify as sea levels rise because of climate change, may threaten delicate Everglades ecosystems. Over the past century, the Everglades have suffered severe damage from the construction of drainage canals and introduction of invasive species like snakes, among other problems.

Obama has also made a point of highlighting Florida as he pushes his climate change agenda. He invited Nicole Hernandez Hammer, a Florida researcher on sea-level rise and a climate change activist, to sit in the first lady's box during his State of the Union address in January.

Joseph Uscinski, a professor of political science at the University of Miami, said he doubted that focusing on climate change would make much of a difference for any of the presidential candidates. □



President Barack Obama walks the Anhinga Trail at Everglades National Park, Fla., Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Obama visited the Everglades on Earth Day to talk about how global warming threatens the U.S. economy. He says rising sea levels are putting the "economic engine for the South Florida tourism industry" at risk.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

a retort from Earnest, who said it was "a little rich" to hear criticism from Scott, given recent claims by environmental officials in Florida who said they were banned by Scott's administration from even using the term climate change. Earnest said the White

a spokeswoman said Scott had declined the invitation. The president's remarks Wednesday were part of a broader effort to build political support for his climate change agenda. This summer, he is expected to unveil a final set of regulations to cut planet-warming

lead to the shutdown of hundreds of coal plants. To build support for the policy, Obama has made the case that an unchecked increase in greenhouse gases is already wreaking economic havoc across the United States, as the warming of the planet

NYC mayor unveils sweeping environmental plan on Earth Day

JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City, in a far-reaching effort to limit its impact on the environment, marked Earth Day on Wednesday by announcing an ambitious plan to reduce its waste output by 90 percent by 2030.

Mayor Bill de Blasio un-

veiled his sweeping One-NYC plan, which includes an overhaul of the city's recycling program, incentives to reduce waste and tacit support for the City Council's plan to dramatically reduce the use of plastic shopping bags.

New York, America's biggest city with about 8.5 million residents, would be

the largest city in the Western Hemisphere to adopt such a plan, which aims to reduce the amount of its waste by more than 3 million tons from its 2005 level of about 3.6 million tons.

"The average New Yorker throws out nearly 15 pounds of waste a week, adding up to millions upon millions of tons a year," de

Blasio said in a statement. "To be a truly sustainable city, we need to tackle this challenge head on."

The waste reduction plan is part of an update to the sustainability project created by de Blasio's predecessor, Michael Bloomberg. De Blasio is rebranding it OneNYC and widening its scope, linking it to the

signature cause of his administration: combating income inequality.

The mayor pledges to lift 800,000 New Yorkers out of poverty or near poverty in the next decade, one of the largest anti-poverty efforts in U.S. history, and wants to end racial and ethnic disparities in premature mortality. □

Early bird
3 course menu from
5 pm till 6.30 pm \$ 23

BARNEY'S

BAR & RESTAURANT

FOOD & FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Every Thursday.....

ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ Ribs

LIVE PIANO & SINGING ENTERTAINMENT

Certificate of Excellence
2014 WINNER

\$19.50

f

www.barneysaruba.aw

Palm beach 21 A, +297- 586 5420 , Closed on SUNDAY'S, also available for private events

At Press Time in Baltimore:

Protesters demand justice for man who died after arrest

JULIET LINDERMAN
Associated Press

BALTIMORE - Demonstrators launched a week of protests to demand justice for a Baltimore man who died from a spinal injury he suffered while in police custody. The federal government opened a civil rights investigation into yet another death fueling debate over police brutality and race relations in the U.S. Freddie Gray, who was black, suffered the injury under mysterious circumstances after he was handcuffed and put in the back of a police van. The 25-year-old died in a hospital a week after his April 12 arrest.

At the site of the arrest, more than a thousand demonstrators gathered to remember Gray, who friends and relatives say was kind, funny and generous, and call for police reform.

It marked the beginning of a week of protests and rallies planned across Baltimore, including one that took place Wednesday



The Rev. Westley West leads a march for Freddie Gray to the Baltimore Police Department's Western District police station, Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in Baltimore. Gray died from spinal injuries about a week after he was arrested and transported in a police van.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

night.

"The world is watching, and the world needs to see that black Baltimore is unified," said Pastor Jamal Bryant of the Empowerment Temple, one of the rally's organizers. The deaths of men at the

hands of police in several U.S. cities have unleashed protests and demands for reform over the past months. Some of the men have been black and unarmed, though the circumstances have varied.

Gray was taken into custody after police "made eye contact" with him and another man in an area known for drug activity, police said, and both men started running. Gray was handcuffed and put in

a transport van. At some point during his roughly 30-minute ride, the van was stopped and Gray's legs were shackled when an officer felt he was becoming "irate," police said.

Police Commissioner Anthony Batts said Gray asked for an inhaler and then several times asked for medical care. He was eventually rushed to a hospital.

Gray died Sunday — a week after his arrest — of what police described as "a significant spinal injury." Demonstrators called for answers, accountability and a change to how they say people in inner-city Baltimore are treated by officers patrolling the neighborhood.

Pricilla Jackson carried a sign reading, "Convict Freddie's killers," that listed the names of the six officers suspended with pay while local and federal authorities investigate the death. Jackson, who is black, said she wants Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to know that she and others have been brutalized by police. □

Sun Specs

Sunglass Boutique

ALL BRANDS

MAIN STREET - RENAISSANCE MALL

RENAISSANCE MARKETPLACE

*PALM BEACH PLAZA - *HOLIDAY INN RESORT

Friday - Saturday - *Sunday

24 - 25 - 26 April, 2015

Royal

SALE

up to 50%

TEL: 586-1830

THE Sopranos PIANO BAR

LIVE PIANO ENTERTAINMENT at 8pm

BADA BING!

Open daily at 5pm

DAILY HAPPY HOURS

5 to 8pm + 1 to 2am

On ALL drinks!

Tuesdays COCKTAIL WORKSHOP

between 5 and 8pm

mix, shake & drink your own made cocktails

\$25

Wednesdays Champagne Night

Champagne by the glass \$4

Ladies Only!!

Saturdays at 8pm

Acoustic Night

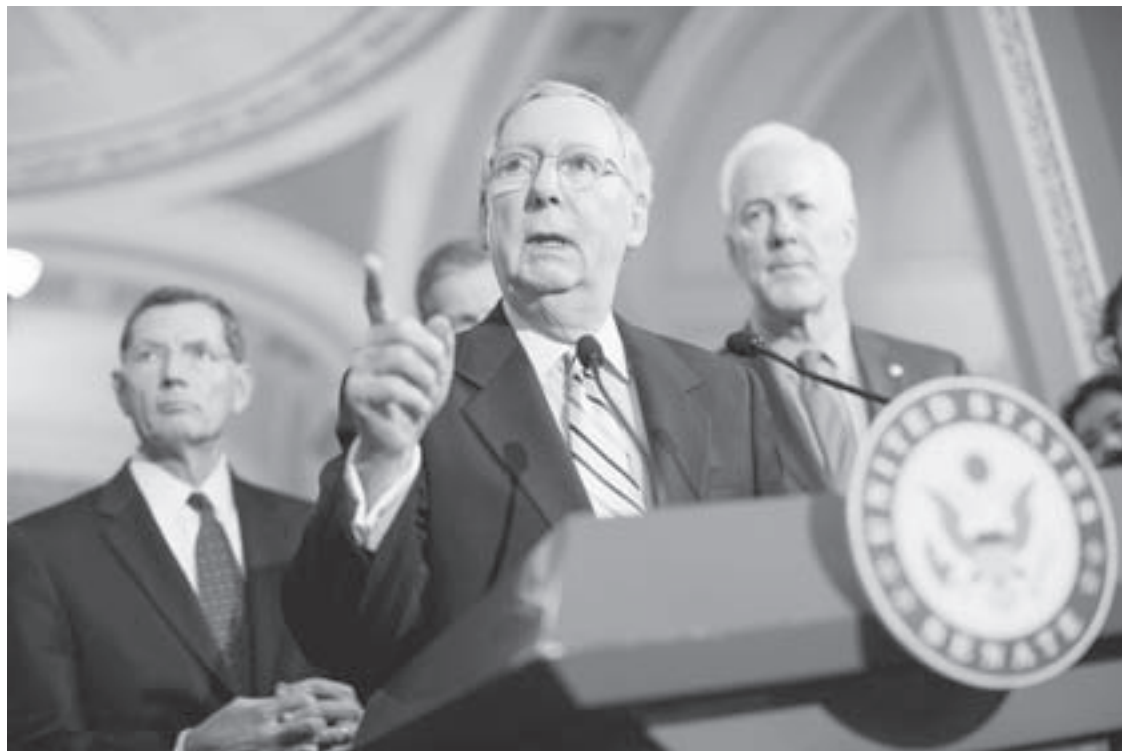
Sing-A-Long Piano Bar

f

ARUBA TWINE IDINE

Located at Arawak Garden, Palm Beach - tel: (+297) 586 8622 - www.sopranospianobar.com

Anti-human trafficking bill passes Senate after delay



Senate Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., answers a question during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., McConnell, and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn of Texas.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate unanimously passed legislation Wednesday to help the victims of human trafficking, ending a tortuous partisan stand-

off over abortion that also delayed confirmation of President Barack Obama's attorney general nominee. The vote was 99-0 to approve the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which expands law enforcement

tools to target sex traffickers and creates a new fund to help victims. The House has passed similar legislation and the White House has voiced support. "We have not fallen deaf to the cries of those who actu-

ally need our help, the victims of human trafficking," said Sen. John Cornyn, the lead Republican sponsor. "This legislation will be instrumental in helping victims of sexual abuse and trafficking recover from a life in bondage."

The unanimous outcome put a bipartisan punctuation mark on legislation that started out with wide support from both parties, but veered into a partisan cul-de-sac last month when Democrats said they'd noticed language that could expand federal prohibitions on abortion funding. How or why Democrats had failed to see the provision in the first place became a topic of frosty dispute on Capitol Hill, with Republicans pointing out that the bill had unanimously passed committee, and one Democratic senator's office acknowledging that an aide had in fact known of the abortion language.

At the same time, Attorney General-designate Loretta Lynch languished despite

commanding enough votes to be confirmed, because Republican leaders made the decision, never fully explained, to delay her confirmation vote until the trafficking bill was completed. Now that it is, Lynch will get a vote Thursday to replace Eric Holder and become the first black female U.S. attorney general and head the Justice Department.

The partisan gridlock on the trafficking bill and Lynch made no one look good, and with all sides eager for a resolution Cornyn worked with Sens. Patty Murray, a Democrat, and Democratic Leader Harry Reid to arrive at a compromise, which they announced Tuesday. It addresses Democratic concerns about expanding prohibitions on spending federal funds for abortions, by splitting the new victims' fund into two pieces.

One part of the fund would be made up of fines paid by sex traffickers, and it could not go for health services, rendering the abortion restrictions moot. The other part of the fund, which could go for medical services, builds on \$5 million already appropriated by Congress for Community Health Centers, which are already subject to abortion spending prohibitions. The compromise allowed both sides to claim a win since Republicans ensured any money for health services could not go for abortions, while Democrats could say that they had prevented prohibitions on spending federal money for abortions from being expanded to a new source of money. "An effort to fight back against human trafficking in our country is, without question, no place for gridlock and dysfunction," Murray said. □

House passes bill designed to thwart cyberattacks

KEN DILANIAN
AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House on Wednesday passed long-awaited legislation designed to thwart cyberattacks by encouraging private companies to share information about the attackers' methods with each other and the government.

The measure, which passed 307 to 116, grants protection from liability if companies follow certain procedures. Many companies have been reluctant to share internal data about cyberattacks for fear of being sued, leaving both the firms and the government

less equipped to battle an onslaught of cyberintrusions, including state-sponsored campaigns to purloin American intellectual property.

"At some point, we need to stop just hearing about cyberattacks that steal our most valuable trade secrets and our most private information, and actually do something to stop them," said Rep. Adam Schiff, top Democrat on the Intelligence Committee and one of the measure's principal authors.

In a statement, the White House praised the bill that passed Wednesday while also expressing concerns,

arguing that the liability protections in some cases went too far and could ultimately reduce the incentive for companies to report breaches. The White House also called for language ensuring that data is not shared by businesses to thwart competition.

Wednesday's bill came out of the Intelligence Committee. The House is expected to pass a similar bill on Thursday that emerged from the Homeland Security Committee. The two measures will be reconciled into a single piece of legislation before heading to the Senate, where a similar bill has been introduced with bi-

partisan support.

Information sharing is badly needed, backers say, so that government agencies can help the private sector defend against sophisticated cyberattacks, many of which are undertaken by intelligence agencies in countries such as Russia, China, North Korea and Iran.

The House bill passed Wednesday would grant companies liability protection if they stripped out personal information from the data and shared it in real time through a civilian portal, most likely run by the Department of Homeland Security. □



Jeep Tour Safari

Drive your own Jeep Wrangler or Kia Sportage, or (be a passenger) through the Country side, explore Aruba's secret beaches that you would never on your own, we'll present Aruba's total topside history by Jeep with the island's best guides pointing out the way and stopping at the most iconic sites the island has to offer, such as Indian Caves, National Park, Baby Beach & more...optional join us for a nice Sailing & Snorkeling cruise after your Jeep Tour.

Visit us at Casa del Mar, Playa Linda, Holiday Inn Concierge/lobby desk/ beach huts, RIU Hut between Antilla & Palace Hotel on the beach, or at our own Pelican Pier located between the Holiday Inn & Playa Linda Resort. For reservations call 587-2302 (Mon-Sun) Or book online at: www.pelican-aruba.com



PRESENT THIS AD AND RECEIVE \$10 DISCOUNT PER COUPLE

US Financial Front:

Home sales bounced back in March, but can the gain last?

JOSH BOAK
ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home sales bloomed in March after a brutal winter, a sign of possible newfound momentum for housing.

Sales of existing homes jumped 6.1 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.19 million, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. The gains were solid enough to suggest that housing might be returning to stable footing after enduring a boom, a bust and a stubbornly tepid recovery over the past dozen years.

"We may be seeing the beginning of things getting close to what we would call a normal market," said Tom Lawler, a housing economist.

Still, it remains unclear whether March's robust gains can be sustained. Much of last month's sales growth came from the Northeast and Midwest — the areas that were hardest hit by winter storms and that were bound to recover as the weather warmed. It's possible that the March increase might amount to just a one-month blip.

That possibility makes next week's release of the Realtors' monthly report on pending home sales — which covers upcoming purchases — a crucial barometer of the industry's strength.

On top of that, there might not be enough homes on the market to meet buyer demand. A shortage of available homes would limit sales.

Nationally, the real estate market has just 4.6 months of supply, compared with six months in what econo-

mists consider a healthy market. The limited supply has caused prices to rise at a pace that hurts affordability. The median U.S. home price rose 7.8 percent over the past 12 months to \$212,100. By contrast, average U.S. pay has risen just 2.1 percent over that time.

This sets up a tension between rising demand and limited availability of homes. To build on the current sales momentum, more houses must be listed, said Richard Moody, chief economist at Regions Financial.

"While improving labor market conditions have fostered sturdier income growth and first-time buyers are coming back... we nonetheless continue to harbor concerns that lean inventories could pull the plug on a potentially promising spring selling season," Moody said.

In states like California, the imbalance between the number of would-be buyers and homes for sale has become more pronounced. The supply of homes slid in March to 3.5 months.

That's giving sellers the edge in places like San Diego County, where many homes have been selling for very close to full asking price, said Patrick Marely, an agent with Realty ONE Group in northern San Diego County.

"It's really more of a seller's market," Marely said.

Some economists predict that the March upswing will lead to more listings of homes.

"We should not be worrying too much about tight inventories," said Brian Parker, an economist at Navy Federal Credit Union. □



A 'for sale' sign is posted on a home in Monterey Park, Calif. The National Association of Realtors released existing home sales for March 2015 on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut)



SPECIAL DINNER MENU

Soups

* Spicy Beef Soup / Madam Jeanette

*French Onion Soup

or

Keshi Yena "Local"

Ovenbaked Gouda cheese filled with ragout of chicken breast, celery, cashew nuts, raisins, onions and olives

or

Crispy Asian Salad

Rice noodle and crispy veggies served with ginger sesame dressing

Entrees

Chicken Alfredo Pasta served on homemade fettuccini pasta topped with shaved parmesan

or

Grilled marinated Skirted Steak and Shrimps

served with seasonal veggies, herbed potatoes and chimichuri sauce

or

Panfried Filet of Grouper

served with stirfried veggies, mashed potatoes and creamy clam sauce

Dessert

Key Lime Pie

or

Chocolate Cheese Cake

Coffee/Tea

No service charge
Discounts, vouchers or certificates cannot be used with this special
Open daily from 5:30 PM - 10:30 PM (closed on Mondays)
For reservations call: 587-6695 - J.E. Erasquin blvd #64 Eagle Beach
www.carambola-aruba.com * info@carambola-aruba.com

Early Bird Dinner Special
at **\$24.95** per person
From 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Man seeks to erase terrorism conviction, blames attorney

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man's long battle to overturn his high-profile terrorism conviction faced a key courtroom test Wednesday.

Lawyers for Hamid Hayat argued that their client's trial attorney was incompetent, failing to uncover evidence they say proves his innocence. Federal prosecutors countered that they provided ample evidence of Hayat's guilt during the 2007 trial that the former cherry packer attended

terror-training camps in Pakistan and returned to the United States with plans to launch an attack.

A federal magistrate judge presided over the hearing and will issue a written recommendation to a district court judge whether Hayat's terrorism conviction and 24-year prison sentence should be tossed out. Hayat was arrested along with his father and three other men connected to a mosque that federal investigators said served as the center of a Central California terrorist "sleeper

cell." The 2005 raid generated national attention and raised concerns of a home-grown al-Qaida network hiding in the country's heartland.

The high-profile investigation and prosecution started with a paid informant's now-discredited claims that he saw high-ranking al-Qaida officials attend a California mosque in the late 1990s. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the FBI paid the informant \$230,000 over three years to infiltrate the mosque and record conversations with

imams and worshippers.

But in the end, only Hayat was convicted of terrorism in 2007. His father pleaded guilty to lying on his passport and served a brief jail sentence. The three other men were never charged with a crime, but they were deported.

A divided federal appeals court in 2013 upheld Hayat's conviction, saying he was given a fair trial. Now, Hayat's attorneys argue that he received incompetent legal counsel during his trial.

Hayat, now 31, confessed

to FBI agents that he attended terrorist training camps in Pakistan and returned to the United States to await orders to carry out an attack. Hayat's appellate attorneys, led by Dennis Riordan, said the confession was ambiguous and coerced from a tired, hungry and ill Hayat after enduring hours of interrogation. Furthermore, Riordan argues that Hayat's trial attorney failed to closely investigate the government's claims that Hayat attended Pakistani terrorism-training camps. □

After 4 decades as US fugitive, ailing man turns himself in

BRUCE SCHREINER

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Kentucky (AP)

— Frail and tired of leading a secret life for four decades, 66-year-old Clarence David Moore called police this week to surrender. The deputy who answered thought it was a prank. It wasn't.

Moore escaped from police custody three times during the 1970s and eventually settled into a quiet life, living in Kentucky since at least 2009. His health is poor from a stroke and he has difficulty speaking. Without a legitimate ID, he had apparently struggled to get medical care.

When Franklin County Sheriff Pat Melton showed up at Moore's house to make the "arrest," Moore was in a hospital bed. He broke down in tears.

"He looks like he's almost 90," the sheriff said.

A woman who had been living with Moore had no idea of his past. "She was

On Wednesday, a woman who answered the door at the single-story ranch

state's capital was dotted with brick homes with well-tended yards.



This combination of photos shows at left an undated police booking photo of Clarence David Moore and at right a booking photo of Moore taken on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Moore, who spent decades as a fugitive after escaping custody in North Carolina, turned himself in to authorities on Monday, April 20, 2015. According to media reports, Moore escaped in the 1970s from North Carolina, where he was in custody for a larceny conviction.

(NCDOPS, left; FCRJ Jail via AP)

just blown away when all this happened," the sheriff said.

home declined comment. The modest neighborhood on the outskirts of the

Moore was convicted of larceny of more than \$200 in North Carolina in 1967

and was sentenced to up to seven years in prison, according to records from the Department of Public Safety. While working with a road crew in the Asheville area, he escaped and was recaptured in 1971. He escaped again the following year and was on the lam until he was apprehended in Texas in 1975. His third escape from a Henderson County prison was Aug. 6, 1976.

On Monday, after he called police, he was taken from his home by ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation and then to jail, where he remained in custody Wednesday.

Moore has declined interview requests.

Melton said he knew little about Moore's life before arriving in Kentucky, other than Moore spent time working on boats along the East Coast. □

Police: Boy dies after father got drunk, left him in hot car

BOB CHRISTIE

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A father wept at a court hearing after police say he left his toddler son in a hot car during a day of heavy drinking and the boy later died.

James Koryor, 41, was taken into custody on suspicion of manslaughter and child abuse Tuesday after detectives determined he went to a liquor store with his 2-year-old, bought a bottle of gin, drank it on the

way home and fell asleep inside his house.

The toddler was left behind in the car, and detectives found signs the child had struggled to get out of the vehicle before dying.

Koryor made an initial court appearance Tuesday, where a judge set a \$50,000 bond and assigned the case to the public defender's office. He didn't have a lawyer at the hearing. Prosecutors argued for higher bail, saying Koryor

has extensive ties to Liberia, Ivory Coast and Ghana and could flee.

A sobbing Koryor told the judge he didn't have money to post bond.

He struggled to keep his composure, and at one point the judge offered him a box of tissues as he sobbed.

The judge also stressed that Koryor cannot consume any alcohol if he posts bond.

"That means you can-

not have any alcohol inside any residence that you stay," the judge said. "None. It has to be immediately removed.

All of this is to ensure the safety of your family and of the community, and, frankly, I'd like to ensure that you are protected from yourself."

The victim was identified as Alpha Koryor. His 5-year-old brother either got out of the vehicle by himself or was taken inside by his

father, police Sgt. Trent Crump said.

Family members asked where his little brother was, and he said the child was asleep, Crump said.

The boy's mother found Alpha unconscious in the backseat of the car a couple of hours later, Crump said. The boy was taken to a hospital and died.

The death occurred as temperatures in the Phoenix area topped 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius). □

<p>The Blue Lobster International Cuisine & Lobster House</p> <p><i>Early Bird Menu</i></p> <p>DAILY 3 COURSE MENU</p> <p>US\$ 21.00</p> <p>Available from 4:00pm-6:30pm</p>	<p>DUO LOBSTER EASTER FESTIVAL</p> <p>\$29.95 DUO COMBO</p> <p>5oz. LOBSTER TAIL plus 4oz. FILET MIGNON or SHRIMP or FISH or CHICKEN.</p> <p>Cooked your way: garlic, creamy garlic or chimichurri</p> <p>FREE WELCOME DRINK WITH THIS AD</p>	<p>DOLLAR TO GUILDERS</p> <p>SATURDAY AND SUNDAY</p> <p>All prices become Guilders on special menu</p> <p>Palm Beach 164 A, Noord, Aruba - For reservations call: (297) 586-3843</p> <p>Open for lunch: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Dinner from: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM www.arubabluelobster.com</p>
--	--	--

Student arrested on suspicion of planning attack in France

AURELIEN BREEDEN

© 2015 New York Times

PARIS - A 24-year-old Algerian computer science student suspected of planning an imminent attack on at least one church and of involvement in the killing of a woman was taken into custody in Paris over the weekend, French authorities said Wednesday.

The student was arrested Sunday after the police found AK-47 assault rifles, several handguns and ammunition, along with notes on potential targets; 2,000 euros (about \$2,150) in cash; bulletproof vests; and police armbands in his home and car, François Molins, the Paris prosecutor, said at a news conference Wednesday.

The student had expressed the desire to leave for Syria and had been flagged by police services as a security risk, authorities said, but checks made in the past two years found nothing to warrant the opening of a judicial investigation.

"Detailed documents were also found, establishing without any doubt that the individual was planning an imminent attack, most likely against one or two churches," Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said at a news conference Wednesday. "That attack was avoided on Sunday morning."

Molins said police had also found, at the suspect's home in the 13th Arrondissement of Paris, documents written in Arabic that mentioned al-Qaida and the Islamic State, as well as several cellphones, a camera, a video recorder, a computer, a USB key and a hard drive. Molins said investigators were able to analyze the hardware to determine that the student had communicated



French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, left, and interior minister Bernard Cazeneuve, right, leave the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, after a cabinet meeting with French President Francois Hollande, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. An Islamic extremist with an arsenal of heavy weapons planned an imminent attack on one or more French churches, France's top security official said Wednesday, announcing the arrest of the man who is also accused in the death of a young mother, Aurelie Chatelain, a 32-year-old Frenchwoman visiting Paris for a training session for her work.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

ed with another individual about the plans to attack. "Running the computer hardware seized in the car and at the home showed that this individual was in contact with another person, who could have been in Syria, and whom he communicated with on methods to carry out an at-

tack," Molins said, adding that the other person explicitly asked the student to target a church.

Neither Cazeneuve nor Molins identified the student or the churches that he was believed to have been targeting, although Molins said information gleaned from the suspect's GPS and

computer, as well as written notes, showed that he had looked at churches in Villejuif, a southern suburb of Paris.

The student is also suspected of being involved in the killing of a 32-year-old woman, identified as Aurélie Chatelain, who was found dead in her parked

car in Villejuif on Sunday morning.

Molins said that blood traces found in the car matched the suspect's DNA, and that his coat bore traces of Chatelain's blood. Ballistic tests also showed that the bullet that killed Chatelain came from a handgun found in the suspect's car, Molins said.

Chatelain, the mother of a 5-year-old girl, was from the town of Caudry in northern France and was in Paris for a Pilates training session. Molins said an investigation to determine why Chatelain was killed was continuing, and he did not indicate whether authorities were aware of any links between her and the student.

The Paris prosecutor described the student as a single, childless Algerian citizen who came to France with his mother in 2001 to join his father, then living in St.-Dizier, a town about 130 miles east of Paris. He went back to Algeria in 2003 and returned to study computer science in France after finishing high school in Algeria. He had no past convictions, Molins said. □

Lawmaker tells migrants not to come to Netherlands

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — Dutch anti-Islam opposition lawmaker Geert Wilders has copied part of Australia's approach to stopping boat migrants by making a video telling would-be asylum seekers considering making the treacherous boat crossing from North Africa to Europe: "You will not make the Netherlands home."

The video, posted on

Wilders' website, echoes a similar message recorded by the Australian government last year that warns immigrants: "Anyone who travels illegally by boat will not make Australia home." In Wilders' video, which could be seen on his Freedom Party's website on Wednesday, he says in English: "No way."

Wilders, whose popularity in the Netherlands is based mainly on his tough anti-Islam, anti-immigration

rhetoric, then switches to speaking in Dutch to call for European Union navy patrols to send back all migrants they intercept and not transport them to Europe.

Leaders of the European Union will gather Thursday in Brussels for an emergency summit in the wake of a shipwreck off Libya last weekend that authorities believe may have killed more than 800 migrants.

Ahead of that meeting,

Italy urged the EU to take tougher action against the human tide.

Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti said human smugglers should be targeted with military action and Premier Matteo Renzi urged the EU to swiftly craft a long-range, comprehensive policy on the migrants. In Australia, Prime Minister Tony Abbott also suggested Europe follow his country's lead in turning away asylum seekers' boats. □

JOLLY PIRATES

\$10
off

SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING
DAILY 9am - 1pm \$60 pp
 Visit 3 Great sites with BBQ,
 Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

AFTERNOON CRUISE
DAILY 2pm - 5pm \$45 pp
 Our shorter snorkel cruise, with
 Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

DAILY SUNSET SAIL
DAILY 5:30pm - 7:30pm \$32 pp
 Enjoy spectacular sunset. Open
 Bar & Ropeswing included

Tickets available at Jolly Pirates Shop at MooMba Beach. Boarding at MooMba Beach- by the high rise hotels between Holiday Inn and Marriott Resorts. Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers. Valid for direct telephone reservations ONLY - Present coupon at boarding

Save \$10 per couple/per coupon for morning cruise Save \$5 per couple/per coupon for afternoon cruise

586 8107/592 7858

New airstrikes in Yemen after Saudis say operation over

**AHMED AL-HAJ
BRIAN ROHAN
Associated Press**

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Hours after Saudi Arabia declared an end to its coalition's nearly monthlong air campaign in Yemen, new airstrikes Wednesday hit Iran-backed militants and their allies in two cities, and the rebels said they would welcome U.N.-led peace talks in the conflict that has killed more than 900 people.

The continued airstrikes suggested that the U.S.-backed offensive, aimed at restoring Yemen's internationally recognized president, was entering a new phase in which the Saudi-led military action will be scaled back but not halted completely.

Air raids struck positions held by the rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies in the southern port of Aden and the central city of Taiz, Yemeni officials said. Fighting continued in both areas between the rebels and supporters of exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, a close U.S. ally who fled Yemen on March 25.

The capital of Sanaa was calm, however, giving residents their most peaceful night in almost four weeks. In the evening, thousands of pro-Houthi demonstrators marched and vowed they would never submit to what they described as "Saudi-American aggression."

The Shiite rebels are backed by former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, an autocrat who ruled the impoverished but strategic country for three decades until he was removed amid a 2011 Arab Spring uprising. His military forces have aided the rebels who advanced from the north and control much of Yemen, including Sanaa.

Saudi Arabia and a coalition of its Gulf allies began the air campaign March 26, aimed at crushing the Houthis and allied military units loyal to Saleh. The Saudis believe the rebels are tools for Iran to take control of Yemen. Iran has provided political and humanitarian support to the Houthis, but both Tehran and the rebels deny it has armed them.



A Shiite rebel known as a Houthi, second left, holds a poster of Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah as he attends along with his comrades a protest to denounce the Saudi aggression in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Yemen's Shiite rebels, who have taken over large parts of the country and have faced a Saudi-led air assault, said Wednesday they welcome United Nations-led talks to find a political solution to the conflict.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

The airstrikes in Taiz hit the rebels as they gathered at a military headquarters they control near the old airport southeast of the city, officials said.

Also targeted was Aden, where warplanes blasted rebel forces in outlying dis-

tricts.

Street fighting continued in both cities, especially Taiz, where officials said pro-government forces control most of the city, and dozens were killed on both sides. In Aden, rebels fired mortars, said the officials,

who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

At least 944 people were killed and 3,500 wounded since the coalition airstrikes began March 26, the World Health Organization said. □

Taliban announce their spring offensive in Afghanistan

**LYNNE O'DONNELL
Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban said Wednesday their spring offensive in Afghanistan will begin this week, the first time the insurgents' annual campaign against the Afghan government will take place without NATO troops on the battlefield.

In past years, spring and the melting of snow on the mountains along the bor-

der with Pakistan marked a significant upsurge in the fighting between the Taliban and NATO forces along with their local allies. This fighting season, the insurgents will face just Afghan forces after the withdrawal of most international combat troops at the end of last year.

A Taliban statement, which was emailed to media, said the offensive — dubbed "Azm" or perseverance

in Dari and Arabic — will begin on Friday. It added that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, as the Taliban call themselves, is "determined to prolong the ongoing jihad," or holy war.

The statement also said that under U.S. leadership, the "crusaders" will maintain "control of our land and space" through security agreements with the Afghan government. The agreements allow NATO

and the U.S. to keep a limited number of non-combat troops in Afghanistan to train and assist Afghan forces in their fight against the insurgency.

"For the complete liberation of our beloved homeland from the yoke of foreign occupation and for the implementation of Islamic rule throughout the country, the Islamic Emirate is determined to prolong the ongoing jihad against

the foreign invaders as well as their internal stooges," the Taliban said.

In recent weeks, attacks in the north and east of the country have intensified in the build-up to the warm weather fighting season. The insurgents can be expected to fight until snow falls on the Hindu Kush, when the militants return to the mountains. Fighting even stops in many places for meals and prayers. □

Iraqi tribesmen fight their own after breaking with IS group



Nazhan Sakhar, left, smokes a cigarette in the bedroom of the base on the frontline outside the city of Makhmour, northern Iraq, during a break. He heads a group of around 300 fighters from the al-Lehib tribe who have reluctantly allied with Iraqi troops and Kurdish forces to fight the Islamic State group -- and fellow tribesmen who still support the extremists.

(AP Photo/Bram Janssen)

BRAM JANSSEN
SAMEER YACOB
Associated Press

MAKHMOUR, Iraq (AP) —

When Islamic State militants swept across northern Iraq last summer, the Sunni al-Lehib tribe welcomed them as revolutionaries fighting the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. But less than a year later, the tribe is bitterly split between those who joined the extremist group and those resisting its brutal rule.

The tribe hails from a village just south of Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, which was captured by the IS last year. Like many Sunnis in northern Iraq, they initially welcomed the Islamic State group as liberators.

"We were happy when Daesh came," tribal leader Nazhan Sakhar said, using an acronym for the extremist group. "We thought they were going to Baghdad to establish a government. But then they started killing our own people. It turned out they were the same as al-Qaida."

Now he leads a group of around 300 fighters who have reluctantly allied with Iraqi troops and Kurdish forces to fight the IS group — and fellow tribesmen who still support the extremists. Iraq's Sunnis have

complained of discrimination and abuse since the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein's Sunni-led dictatorship and replaced it with an elected government dominated by the country's Shiite majority.

That discontent fueled the rise of the Sunni IS group and paved the way for its takeover of much of northern and western Iraq last year.

The government is now trying to rally Sunni support, which will be key to defeating the IS group. But for many Sunnis that poses a dilemma, forcing them to choose between extremists who reserve their worst brutality for suspected traitors, and what many see as a sectarian government with a history of broken promises.

Sakhar once fought with the Sahwas, or Awakening Councils, which were made up of Sunni tribesmen and former insurgents who allied themselves with the U.S. military starting in 2006 to help roll back al-Qaida in Iraq, a precursor of the IS group. But the Shiite-led government never warmed to the Sahwas, and as U.S. troops withdrew support for the fighters dwindled.

Sakhar said this time around he is getting some help, with each fighter receiving his first monthly paycheck from Baghdad, of around \$600.

But they have struggled to arm themselves. "We received weapons from (Kurdish) peshmerga forces, but it wasn't enough. Then we bought the rest of the weapons with our own personal money," he said. He said he has spent \$150,000 on weapons, including a heavy machine gun, five lighter machine guns, a pickup truck and two rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Sakhar says his men will

need more arms to drive the IS group out of Mosul and surrounding areas. He also said that with more weapons he could triple the size of his fighting force to 1,000 men, but that many tribesmen are holding back for now for fear they won't be able to defend themselves.

His decision to ally with Iraqi troops brings grave risks. The Islamic State group has massacred the men, women and children of Sunni tribes who rise up against it. Sakhar says he is second on an Islamic State hit list and has survived numerous assassination attempts, including one last week. □

SPRING SALE

BUY 1 ITEM AND RECEIVE SECOND ITEM AT HALF PRICE*

BOSS

HUGO BOSS

Royal Plaza Mall, Phone 588-5406

Open Monday through Saturday **9:30am - 6:30pm**

SECOND ITEM MUST BE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE.
NOT TO BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS OR PROMOTIONS.

Colombia leader lashes back at critics of his peace effort

JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

President Juan Manuel Santos lashed out on Tuesday at opponents he accuses of fueling a wave of booing that has greeted him in the days since a deadly attack by leftist guerrillas dealt a major setback to negotiations with Colombia's biggest rebel movement.

To shouts of "liar" and "get out," Santos was loudly jeered by dozens of spectators at a 10-kilometer

run Sunday in Bogota to benefit soldiers wounded in combat. The frenzied scene repeated itself when he visited Medellin the next day.

Santos addressed his critics directly Tuesday, urging them to listen to other voices instead of just trying to drown out his. He said he is open to criticism but won't be deterred by those opposing his peace efforts, among them his predecessor as president, Alvaro Uribe.

"You can follow me all around the country and try to sabotage every event I attend, but I won't be detained in my pursuit of peace for Colombia," Santos said at the opening of Bogota's book fair, where he was greeted with warm applause and a feared attempt by protesters to disrupt his appearance did not materialize.

Santos was re-elected last year promising to secure a peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces

of Colombia and end 50 years of fighting. Polls say recent advances, such as an agreement to jointly remove land mines, had convinced a majority Colombians for the first time that an accord was within reach.

But Colombians' patience with the FARC has always been tenuous, with many recalling the previous attempt at peace more than a decade ago when the rebels took advantage of a Switzerland-size demilitarized zone ceded by the

government to rearm and launch attacks.

Anger boiled over last week after a rebel unit killed 11 soldiers in an attack on an army platoon sleeping in a rural hamlet. Outraged Colombians saw it as a clear violation of a unilateral truce declared by the FARC in December to facilitate talks.

Rebel leaders blamed the government for not joining in the truce and continuing to pursue rebels on the battlefield. □

Authorities seize wrong Mexican girl for forced return to US

E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A

14-year-old Mexican girl who was taken by authorities and sent screaming to live in the United States was returned home Wednesday after DNA tests showed she is not the daughter of the Houston woman who claimed her.

The case of Alondra Luna Nunez drew international attention after a video of the distraught girl being forced into a police vehicle last week circulated in media and on social networks. There was no immediate explanation of why authorities did not confirm her identity before sending her out of the country.

The Foreign Ministry said Mexican officials were carrying out a court order to send Alondra to Dorotea Garcia, a Houston woman who claimed the girl was her daughter who had been illegally taken to Mexico by her father years ago. Alondra's family insisted authorities were mistaken but their pleas were ignored. "They stole my daughter,"

Susana Nunez told Milenio Television on Wednesday. "I didn't know this woman existed."

With a court order from a judge in Texas, Mexican agents assigned to Interpol took Alondra from her middle school in the central state of Guanajuato on April 16 and transported her to a courtroom in the neighboring state of Michoacan, according to a statement from the federal Attorney General's Office. In court, Alondra's parents and Garcia each presented birth certificates and gave testimony, then the judge ruled in favor of Garcia, ordering the girl into her custody, according to information from the Foreign Ministry given to The Associated Press.

The girl and Garcia went by bus to Houston, where Alondra later recorded a video, posted to social media, in which she looked calm and happy and told her parents in Mexico not to worry as they waited for results of a DNA test there. "I'm fine. I see that the United States is nice," she said,



Alondra Luna Nunez, second from left, attends a press conference with her parents, right, Gustavo Luna and Susana Nunez, after landing at the Guanajuato International Airport in Silao, Mexico, Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The 14-year-old Mexican girl, who was taken from her school by police and sent kicking and screaming to the U.S., returned home after DNA tests showed she is not related to an American woman searching for her missing daughter.

(AP Photo/Mario Armas)

adding, "I don't understand anything they're saying, because everything is in English."

On Wednesday, Alondra spoke to reporters in her hometown of Guanajuato, saying she was happy to be home. She said the

video recorded in Houston was intended to assure her parents she was OK, even though she really wasn't.

"She took me from my parents," Alondra said. "I didn't know her or Mr. Reynaldo," she added, referring to the father of Garcia's missing

daughter.

In 2007, the Foreign Ministry received a claim stating that Garcia's then 4-year-old daughter, Alondra Diaz Garcia, had been taken by her father from the U.S. and was believed to be in Michoacan. □

Haiti to appeal kidnapping verdict that drew wide criticism

EVENS SANON

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) —

The Haitian government will appeal a widely criticized decision by a judge to dismiss charges against two men in a high-profile kidnapping case, the justice minister said Wednesday.

A notice of appeal was

submitted to the Supreme Court within the required deadline to challenge the decision, Justice Minister Pierre-Richard Casimir said. The decision by a judge to dismiss charges that included kidnapping, murder and drug trafficking against Woodly Etheart and Rene Nelfort after a two-hour trial on Friday has drawn

criticism from human rights groups as well as the U.N., the U.S. government and representatives of other nations that make up the "Core Group," that monitor the country.

Etheart owned La Souverance, an upscale restaurant in Petionville that has been closed since shortly after his arrest in May. He

previously worked for the Interior Ministry and is reportedly a friend of the brother-in-law of President Michel Martelly.

The rapid resolution of their case raised eyebrows in a country where most cases languish for years without being decided.

A statement from the Core Group issued late Tuesday

said that holding a trial at this stage was a violation of Haitian legal procedures because a previously filed appeal of an earlier ruling had yet to be decided. "This is a serious error and a breach of established procedure which calls into question the impartiality of the process," it said. □



Loyal Visitors Honored as Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba!



EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of guests who are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, as Emerald Ambassadors, at La Quinta Resort. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 35-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Richard and Mrs. Rhonda Barber of New Hampshire and Mrs. Joan Yanni from New York. These wonderful loyal visitors were awarded



with elegant commemorative Emerald Coins and of course their Emerald Ambassadors' Certificates, honoring their respective 40 and 35 consecutive years visiting the island. The honorees are loyal members of the La Quinta Resort, and they love Aruba for the friendly people, the weather, the beaches and the restaurants. They all agree that Aruba is truly 'One Happy Island.' The certificates were presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba of the Aruba Tourism Authority in the presence of friends from the La Quinta Resort. □



Turning the Tables: Young Visitors to Aruba Cook at Carambola Restaurant!

EAGLE BEACH - Jared and Zach Regenstein have been enjoying coming to Aruba since they were

young children. Their parents, who have been coming to Aruba since the 90's, were honored recently as Goodwill Ambassadors of



Aruba by the Aruba Tourism Authority for visiting the island for over 20 years consecutively! The two budding young chefs Jared and Zach cooked with the entire staff of Carambola Restaurant, their favorite of course, on Thursday, April 16th and

Saturday, April 18th, 2015. The dishes they prepared were Deconstructed Caesar Salad, Homemade Papperdella Pasta with Eggplants, Tomato and Marinara Sauce, and Banana Maple Syrup Fried French Toast. Jared will be going into his

first grade of high school next year, and Zach will be going to Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University to study Finance and Entrepreneurship. We wish them much success and look forward to their return visits to Aruba for many years to come! □

Gail & Elliott Honored at the Playa Linda Beach Resort

PALM BEACH - Gail & Elliott Dorfman were honored recently as Ambassadors of Goodwill for Aruba after visiting the island for more than 30 years consecutive! The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 years consecutive.

Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

Gail commented that she will never change her vacation island for any other island. The top reasons for returning provided by the honorees were they consider Aruba to be the 'Happy Island,' they love the great weather and friendly Aruban hospitality, and of



course they enjoy the white sand beaches and the lo-

cal food!

Mr. Ricardo Croes is seen

in the photos together with Gail and Elliott, along with

Yvette from the Playa Linda Resort. □

BONUS

B

I

N

G

O

THURSDAY!

Bonus 4-Card BINGO
starting at 1pm!

\$6 for 4-Card BINGO | 8 Games to Play

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes!

Additional \$500 Cash Prize in our
Monthly Early Bird Drawing when you purchase
your card prior to 12 noon!

THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO

Offering a wide variety of Retail & Dining Outlets,
Salon & Spa Services, Souvenirs and more.

Baskin Robbins | Dunkin Donuts | Fusion Piano & Wine Bar
Juan Valdez Café | Subway | R-Glass | Shalom Body and Soul Spa
Hollywood Smokehouse | Hungry Piranha | Aruba Aloe
Bijoux Terner Boutique | The Lazy Lizard | The Market
TOF Twist of Flavors

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 4am • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47
583.5000 • casinoalhambra.com

Fishes & More Restaurant:

The Best Place for a Great Celebratory Family Dinner



PALM BEACH - It was not hard for the Loefstop family from Aruba, Curacao and Holland to decide where they wanted to go to celebrate a 60th Wedding Anniversary. They chose Fishes & More Restaurant at the Arawak Garden, where

the staff and chefs did their utmost to make this family gathering into a true feast. The fourteen family members and friends were enthusiastic about the catch of the day and the filet mignon, but of course the best thing about this mem-

orable occasion was the fact that everyone was having fun together. We hope the Loefstos will come by every year to celebrate yet another wedding anniversary, but for now we say 'masha, masha pabien!' □



Kukoo Kunuku Serves Up Fun and Laughter in Aruba!



PALM BEACH - Born out of the dreams of a couple who escaped south for the winter and never left, Kukoo Kunuku is the place on Aruba to find great food and make fun memories with the people around you.

Kukoo Kunuku offers party bus tours and other adventures that take guests on a whirlwind tour of some of Aruba's best sites as well as fun places where they

can relax and grab a drink. Kukoo Kunuku is staffed by an eclectic mix of valued employees as diverse and interesting as Aruba itself. Their motto speaks for itself and is echoed by the experiences of taking a tour with them-"The perfect way for the old and the reckless and the young and the restless to spend an evening in Paradise."

Aruba's latest dinner under the stars location, Casibari



Grill, is now featured on the Kukoo Kunuku Dinner and Barhopping Tour. Kukoo Kunuku guests can now enjoy a great local BBQ meal with all the trimmings before embarking on a fun barhopping and night-life adventure. The newly renovated Casibari, is now open to the public seven days a week serving deli-

cious drinks and an exciting array of menu options. It is full of character with an atmosphere that can't be beat anywhere else on the island!

Take the opportunity to dance, drink, talk, and enjoy the music at Casibari Grill when you stop by on a Kukoo Kunuku tour the next time you are in Aruba.

More information and reviews of Kukoo Kunuku can be found on TripAdvisor- it comes highly recommended from travelers all around the world!

For more information or to make reservations, please contact the Kukoo Kunuku at (297) 586-2010 or visit the website www.kukookunuku.com!

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "from the pier to your plate!"



ORANJESTAD - The downtown marina is home of Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fisherman of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood in Oranjestad. Driftwood owner Herby

Merryweather has a love and passion for fishing. A fisherman who knows about fish, what our local waters have to offer, and what the words "fresh seafood" really mean. What Herby catches will be served in his restaurant on the same day. Herby loves to share his fishing passion with the many visitors to the island. His fleet of a 35ft. Twin Engine Bertram yacht and a 50ft. Twin Engine Post yacht, appropriately called "Driftwood I and II, is available for charters on 12 noon and from 1pm to 5pm.



Winners of Intl. LUHRS Marina Group Blue Marlin Release Tournament 2009



Catch your own dinner

A charter includes: captain, mate all fishing equipment, bait, sodas and bottled water. On a full day charter sandwiches and snacks are also included.

You can call Herby directly at (297) 592 4040 or go to www.driftwoodaruba.com

Driftwood Restaurant. This authentic Aruban seafood restaurant is located in characteristic downtown Oranjestad. Their

extended menu has been jubled by many. Driftwood offers daily specials, as well as a delicious 4-course menu for just \$25.95 **Charter deep sea fishing rates:** \$400 - 1/2 day • \$760 - full day. Rates per boat Max. 6 people. **Driftwood Restaurant** Authentic Aruban Seafood Restaurant; Klipstraat #12, Downtown Oranjestad. Tel: (297) 583 2515 www.driftwoodaruba.com Open hours: every day, from 5pm till 10:30pm. Sunday Closed.



In this Sept. 6, 2014, file photo, career home run leader Barry Bonds gives a thumbs up while standing behind the batting cage and watching the Houston Astros take batting practice before the start of a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Barry Bonds' obstruction conviction thrown out by U.S. court

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Baseball legend Barry Bonds' obstruction of justice conviction was reversed Wednesday by an appeals court, which ruled his meandering answer before a grand jury in 2003 was not material to the government's investigation into steroids distribution. Bonds, baseball's career home runs leader, was indicted in 2007 for his testimony four years earlier before the grand jury investigating the illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Following a trial that opened in March 2011, a jury deadlocked on three counts charging Bonds with making false statements when he denied receiving steroids and human growth hormone from trainer Greg Anderson and denied receiving injections from Anderson or his associates.

Continued on next page



ROCKET MAN

Houston pulls away from Dallas for 2-0 lead

Houston Rockets' Josh Smith (5) dunks in front of several Dallas Mavericks, including Tyson Chandler (6), during the second half of Game 2 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in Houston.
Associated Press
Page

NL Capsules

Mets streak hits 9 with 7-1 victory over Braves

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Catcher Kevin Plawecki made an impressive big league debut, contributing with his bat and glove as the banged-up New York Mets won their ninth straight by beating the Atlanta Braves 7-1 Tuesday night.

The Mets extended their longest winning streak since a 10-game run in 2008. The team record is 11 in a row, last done in 1990.

Curtis Granderson drove in four runs and Jonathon Niese (2-0) pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning, helping the Mets stretch the best home start in club history to 8-0 at Citi Field.

A highly regarded prospect, Plawecki got two hits, scored twice and threw out a runner trying to advance on a ball in the dirt.

Plawecki was promoted from Triple-A earlier in the day to replace catcher Travis d'Arnaud, out for at least three weeks after breaking a finger when he was hit by a pitch Sunday.

GIANTS 6, DODGERS 2 — Tim Lincecum shut down the first-place Dodgers with some sparkling double-play defense behind him, and the San Francisco Giants came out of their first day off seemingly refreshed.

Justin Maxwell hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and San Francisco



New York Mets catcher Kevin Plawecki follows through on a ground ball against the Atlanta Braves in the second inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

won for just the second time in 11 games behind Lincecum's first victory in three starts, snapping the defending division champion Dodgers' seven-game winning streak.

Nori Aoki, Brandon Crawford and Buster Posey hit RBI singles for the Giants, who turned four double plays for Lincecum (1-1) including in the first two innings.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner struck out five in six innings, allowing five hits and one run with three walks.

CUBS 9, PIRATES 8

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Starlin Castro went 3 for 5 with

4 RBIs, including a game-tying two-run single in the ninth, and the Chicago Cubs rallied for the win.

Wellington Castillo followed Castro's big hit with an RBI groundout off Pittsburgh closer Mark Melancon (0-1) as Chicago overcame a late three-run deficit to win for the third time in four games.

Edwin Jackson (1-0) picked up the victory in relief. Hector Rondon worked a perfect ninth for his third save.

Chicago rookie Addison Russell went 0 for 5 with three strikeouts in his major league debut.

Pittsburgh's Jung Ho Kang

went 2 for 4 with a bases-clearing double in the seventh for the first RBIs of his career.

NATIONALS 2, CARDINALS 1, 10 INNINGS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yunel Escobar homered to left with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning, then celebrated with a head-first slide into home plate, lifting the Washington Nationals to a victory.

It was the second homer of the season for Escobar, who was supposed to be Washington's second baseman but is filling in at third while Anthony Rendon is on the disabled list.

Escobar connected with

the first pitch he saw from Carlos Villanueva (1-1), the seventh pitcher for the Cardinals, who had won five consecutive games.

Aaron Barrett (2-0) earned the win by pitching the 10th.

REDS 16, BREWERS 10

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jay Bruce and Todd Frazier each hit two-out grand slams, powering the Cincinnati Reds.

Zack Cozart hit two homers for the Reds, whose offense has reawakened for 22 runs in two games in Milwaukee after manager Bryan Price went on a profanity-laced tirade in his pregame media session Monday.

Mike Fiers (0-3) was shelled for eight runs in four innings for Milwaukee, which lost its seventh straight. The Brewers have the worst record in the majors at 2-12. For a change, the offense wasn't the main problem for the Brewers.

Elian Herrera hit a grand slam in the sixth to get the Brewers to 13-10.

The Reds had more punch. Cozart led off the top of the seventh with a solo shot.

PHILLIES 7, MARLINS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ryan Howard hit a go-ahead two-run homer and Freddy Galvis also connected to back Jerome Williams.

Williams (1-1) allowed three runs — two earned — and eight hits, striking out six in six innings.□

Barry Bonds

Continued from page 17

Bonds was convicted for his response when he was asked whether Anderson ever gave him "anything that required a syringe to inject yourself with."

"That's what keeps our friendship," Bonds said. "I was a celebrity child, not just in baseball by my own instincts. I became a celebrity child with a famous father. I just don't get into other people's business because of my father's situation, you see."

A seven-time National



In this March 10, 2014, file photo, former San Francisco Giants Barry Bonds chats to the dugout during a spring training baseball game in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Associated Press

League Most Valuable Player winner and one of the most celebrated baseball players ever, Barry Bonds was sentenced in 2011 by U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to 30 days of home confinement, two years of probation, 250 hours of community service in youth-related activities and a \$4,000 fine. He already has served the home confinement.

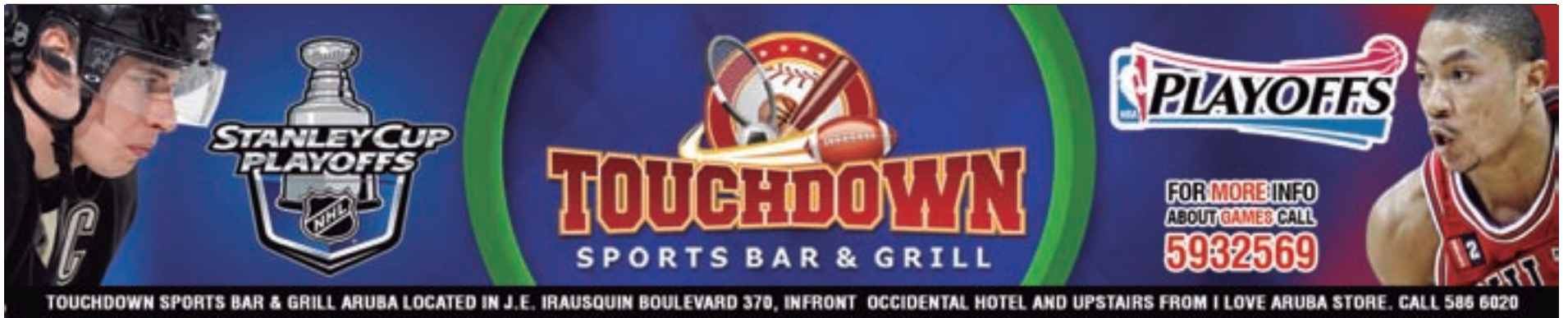
Illston declared a mistrial on the three other counts, and the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco dismissed those charges in August 2011.

A three-judge panel of the

9th Circuit upheld the conviction in a unanimous vote in 2013, but a majority of the court's 28 participating judges voted to have an 11-judge panel rehear the case. Oral arguments took place Sept. 18.

The government could ask the 11-judge panel to reconsider Wednesday's decision or could request that all 29 judges on the 9th Circuit rehear the case. The full court has never sat on a case since it began using the "limited en banc" panels in 1980.

Prosecutors also could petition the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision.□



Blackhawks win 3OT thriller against Predators



Chicago Blackhawks left wing Bryan Bickell (29) checks Nashville Predators center Mike Ribeiro along the boards during the first period in Game 4 of an NHL Western Conference hockey playoff series Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in Chicago.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — (backslash)Brent Seabrook scored on a booming slap shot 1 minute into the third overtime, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Nashville Predators 3-2 on Tuesday night in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series. Seabrook's long drive beat a screened Pekka Rinne on the 100th shot of the longest game in Nashville history. Rookie Scott Darling made 50 saves for Chicago. The Blackhawks grabbed a 3-1 series lead and can close out the Predators

with a win in Nashville on Thursday night. Colin Wilson and James Neal scored for Nashville, which carried a 2-1 lead into the third period. Rinne finished with 45 stops. The first overtime featured a memorable duel between Rinne, who found some of the magic he had during Nashville's strong start to the season, and Darling, who was making his second career postseason start. **CAPITALS 2, ISLANDERS 1, OT** UNIONDALE, New York (AP) — Nicklas Backstrom

scored 11:09 into overtime to lift Washington to victory, and even its first-round playoff series against the New York Islanders. Alex Ovechkin also scored and assisted on the decisive goal, which came off a faceoff to the right of the Islanders net. Backstrom dug the puck out in the right corner and worked his way up the boards. He snapped a shot near the blue line that went through a crowd and sneaked inside the far post. Casey Cizikas scored for the Islanders as the series shifts to Washington for

Game 5 on Thursday. **RED WINGS 3, LIGHTNING 0** DETROIT (AP) — Petr Mrazek made 22 saves for his first postseason shutout, and Pavel Datsyuk, Riley Sheahan and Luke Glendening scored for Detroit in a victory over Tampa Bay that gave the Red Wings a 2-1 lead in their playoff series. The 23-year-old Mrazek was coach Mike Babcock's choice to start in this series instead of Jimmy Howard, and the youngster has acquitted himself well in his postseason debut. He made 44 saves in a 3-2 victory in the opener, and although he was pulled after two periods in a 5-1 loss the following game, Mrazek bounced back nicely at home. After being outshot badly in the first two games at Tampa Bay, the Red Wings were able to contain the high-scoring Lightning on Tuesday in a tightly contested matchup. **FLAMES 3, CANUCKS 1**

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Jiri Hudler had a goal and an assist and Calgary earned a win over Vancouver. Calgary's Johnny Gaudreau scored his first playoff goal and 18-year-old rookie Sam Bennett had his second in as many games. Dennis Wideman had a pair of assists for the Flames, who split the first two games of the series in Vancouver before back-to-back wins at home. Goaltender Jonas Hiller made 28 saves for the win. Captain Henrik Sedin scored for the Canucks. Starter Eddie Lack was pulled after giving up three goals on seven shots in the first period. Ryan Miller turned away the 15 he faced in relief. Calgary leads the Western Conference series 3-1. The Flames head to Vancouver with the chance to win the series in Thursday's Game 5 and move past the first round for the first time since 2004. □

APRIL SPECIAL

BUSHIRI

KARTING SPEEDWAY

RENT GO-KARTS

\$5 OFF WITH THIS AD

583-5278 / 594-2366

OPEN FROM: 10AM-6:30PM

WWW.BUSHIRIKARTING.COM

NBA Playoffs

Wizards, Cavaliers and Rockets take 2-0 leads

The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — John Wall had 26 points and 17 assists, Bradley Beal scored 28 points and Washington beat Toronto 117-106 on Tuesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round play-off series.

Marcin Gortat scored 16 points, Otto Porter had 15 and Paul Pierce added 10 for the Wizards, who host Game 3 on Friday night.

Jonas Valanciunas had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Sixth Man Award winner Lou Williams scored 20 points for the Raptors, who have lost four straight play-off games over the past two seasons.

Washington lost 15 of its final 19 regular season road games, but has won seven of eight away from home in the playoffs over the past two years.

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, Patrick Patterson had 15 and Amir Johnson added 10 for Toronto, which has won just one playoff series in six previous postseason appearances.

CAVALIERS 99, CELTICS 91



Toronto Raptors' Lou Williams smiles as he holds the NBA's Sixth Man Award before playing the Washington Wizards in Game 2 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs, Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in Toronto.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 30 points, Kyrie Irving added 26 and Cleveland finally shook off Boston in the fourth quarter to take a 2-0 lead in their

opening-round series. James scored 15 points in the fourth quarter, moved past Hall of Famer Jerry West on the career playoff scoring list and made sure

the Cavs didn't slip up at home. He and Irving combined for all of Cleveland's 24 points in the final period. Timofey Mozgov added 16 points and Tristan Thomp-

son had 11 rebounds for Cleveland.

Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points for the Celtics, whose bench outscored Cleveland's 51-7.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Boston.

ROCKETS 111, MAVERICKS 99

HOUSTON (AP) — Dwight Howard scored 28 points and James Harden added 24 to help Houston coast to a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference playoff series.

Howard and Josh Smith dominated early in the fourth quarter to help the Rockets pull away.

The Mavericks scored the first four points of the fourth quarter to take a three-point lead. But with Harden on the bench, Houston scored the next 11 points, powered by three alley-oop passes from Smith to Howard, to take a 92-84 lead with about 8 minutes left. Smith finished with 15 points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

Monta Ellis had 24 points for Dallas, which hosts Game 3 on Friday night. □

Oklahoma City Thunder fire coach Scott Brooks after seven years



In this Feb. 25, 2015, file photo, Oklahoma City Thunder coach Scott Brooks gestures to his team during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers in Oklahoma City. The Thunder fired Brooks on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Associated Press

CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

The Oklahoma City Thunder fired Scott Brooks on Wednesday, parting ways

with a former NBA coach of the year who led the team to three conference finals

in four years only to falter this season as his players were hit hard by injuries. Brooks coached the Thunder for seven seasons. Starting in 2010-11, he led the team to the Western Conference finals three out of four years, and the Thunder reached the NBA Finals in 2012.

The Thunder failed to make the playoffs this past season, as injuries limited them to a 45-37 finish.

Brooks was 338-207 (.620) with the Thunder and was the 2009-10 NBA Coach of the Year.

"This is an extremely difficult decision on many levels," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said in a statement. "Scott helped establish the identity of the Thunder and has earned his rightful place in the history of our organization through his seven years as

a valued leader and team member."

Brooks has been criticized for failing to win a title with Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook on his roster. Durant was last year's MVP and is a four-time scoring champion, while Westbrook was this year's All-Star MVP and scoring champion.

Presti said the choice went beyond this year.

"This decision is not a reflection of this past season, but rather an assessment of what we feel is necessary at this point in time in order to continually evolve, progress and sustain," Presti said. "We determined that, in order to stimulate progress and put ourselves in the best position next season, and as we looked to the future, a transition of this kind was necessary for the program." □

Moustakas sends Royals to 6-5 victory over Twins

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Mike Moustakas hit a two-run homer, then drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the eighth inning, as the Kansas City Royals rallied over the Minnesota Twins.

The Royals trailed 5-3 in the sixth when Christian Colon started their comeback with an RBI double. Colon added a run-scoring groundout off Casey Fien (0-1) in the eighth to knot the game, and Moustakas fileted a single to left off Glen Perkins to take the lead.

Chris Young (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of struggling starter Jason Vargas, and Wade Davis breezed through the ninth for his third save of the season.

RED SOX 1, RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Wade Miley and four relievers combined on a four-hit-ter and the Boston Red Sox took advantage of an error to beat Chris Archer.

Miley (1-1) gave up three hits, four walks and had three strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings. Alexi Ogando, Robbie Ross Jr., and Junichi Tazawa combined to retire seven straight batters. Koji Uehara allowed a lead-off single in the ninth before finishing for his second save.

Archer (2-2) allowed one unearned run and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Rays, who have lost the first four games of a nine-game homestand. He struck out nine and walked one.

YANKEES 5, TIGERS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Young and Stephen Drew homered in a three-run seventh and Nathan Eovaldi earned his first win with the New York Yankees.

Eovaldi (1-0) gave up a run on eight hits and a walk in seven-plus innings. Eovaldi started the eighth, but was removed after allowing a leadoff double to Alex Avila.

Eovaldi wasn't dominant, but got four double plays.

The Tigers scored in the ninth when Andrew Miller walked Nick Castellanos and Rajai Davis to force in a run. He then struck out Jose Iglesias for his fifth save.

Kyle Lobstein (1-1) yielded one run and three hits in six innings. Four Tigers relievers combined to allow three runs in the seventh, letting the Yankees pull away.

BLUE JAYS 13, ORIOLES 6

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion smashed a pair of home runs and Jose Bautista added another to power the Toronto Blue Jays.

Encarnacion's first was a leadoff shot that landed on the batter's eye beyond center field and sparked a six-run second inning.

The second for his fourth of the season was a left-field blast into the top deck of Rogers Centre. It was just the 18th home run to climb that high in the 26-year history of the stadium.

Bautista's two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh off reliever Jason Garcia was his fourth of the year and the 250th of his career. Mark Buehrle (3-0) went six innings to get his second win against the Orioles this year.

INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Carrasco struck out eight in five innings in his first start since being hit in the face by a line drive and Carlos Santana and David Murphy smacked solo home runs.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak on a cold night at Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field. Temperatures slipped into the lower 40s with wind chills in the 30s.

Carrasco (2-1) allowed one earned run on four hits and no walks, looking strong a week after White Sox outfielder Melky Cabrera's liner struck him in the first inning of a 4-1 loss last Tuesday. The right hander improved to 1-1 against Chicago this season.

White Sox starter Hector

Kansas City Royals' Mike Moustakas (8) is congratulated by teammate Christian Colon (24) after his two-run home run in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

Associated Press

Noesi (0-2) lasted 5 2-3 innings.

ANGELS 14, A'S 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Johnny Giavotella hit a three-run shot for his first homer with the Angels after the inning was extended by a replay and the defending AL West champions so thoroughly roughed up the Athletics that Oakland first baseman Ike Davis pitched.

Kole Calhoun tied a career-best with four hits, including a three-run homer for the Angels.

Giavotella had a career-high four RBIs. He was acquired in a trade from Kansas City in December.

Davis had a 2.25 ERA at Arizona State, and he impressed in the eighth Tuesday. The lefty, son of reliever Ron Davis, retired Collin Cowgill, C.J. Cron and Chris Iannetta with groundballs, tossing only nine pitches.

Hector Santiago (2-1) allowed a run and three hits in six innings and struck out eight.

ASTROS 6, MARINERS 3

SEATTLE (AP) — Jose Altuve helped Collin McHugh win his 10th straight decision with a go-ahead three-run double in the eighth inning.

Down 3-1 entering the eighth, the Astros scored five times against the Mariners bullpen, capped by Altuve's bases-clearing liner into the left-field corner for their fourth straight victory. Altuve had been hitless in his previous eight at-bats.

The rally made a surprise winner out of McHugh (3-0) and continued the longest winning streak by a Houston pitcher since Wade Miller won 12 straight decisions during the 2002 season. □



100% Digital HD

MEGAPLEX 8

caribbeancinemas.com/aruba

LIKE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Caribbean Cinemas Aruba

APRIL 23 - 29

NEW THIS WEEK!

DESERT DANCER PG-13

MON-THURS 4:40 | 7:00 | 9:20
FRI 4:40 | 7:00 | 9:20 | 11:40
SAT 2:20 | 4:40 | 7:00 | 9:20 | 11:40
SUN & HOL 2:20 | 4:40 | 7:00 | 9:20

Disney Nature Monkey Kingdom

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

MON-FRI 5:00 | 7:00
SAT 3:00 | 5:00 | 7:00
SUN & HOL 3:00 | 5:00 | 7:00

PAUL BLART MALL COP 2 PG

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES

MON-THURS 4:40 | 6:50 | 9:10
FRI 4:40 | 6:50 | 9:10 | 11:20
SAT 2:30 | 4:40 | 6:50 | 9:10 | 11:20
SUN & HOL 2:30 | 4:40 | 6:50 | 9:10

ALSO SHOWING!

CHILD 44 R

MON-THURS 9:00
FRI 9:00
SAT 9:00
SUN & HOL 9:00

FURIOUS 7 PG-13

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
3D VERSION

MON-THURS 5:15 | 8:15
FRI 5:15 | 8:15 | 11:15
SAT 2:15 | 5:15 | 8:15 | 11:15
SUN & HOL 2:15 | 5:15 | 8:15

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
2D VERSION

MON-THURS 4:30 | 7:30
FRI 4:30 | 7:30 | 10:30
SAT 1:30 | 4:30 | 7:30 | 10:30
SUN & HOL 1:30 | 4:30 | 7:30

GET HARD R

MON-THURS 5:05 | 7:20 | 9:35
FRI 5:05 | 7:20 | 9:35 | 11:50
SAT 2:50 | 5:05 | 7:20 | 9:35 | 11:50
SUN & HOL 2:50 | 5:05 | 7:20 | 9:35

HOME PG

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
3D VERSION

MON-THURS 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40
FRI 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40 | 10:50
SAT 2:10 | 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40 | 10:50
SUN & HOL 2:10 | 4:20 | 6:30 | 8:40

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
2D VERSION

MON-THURS 5:30 | 7:40
FRI 5:30 | 7:40 | 9:50
SAT 3:20 | 5:30 | 7:40 | 9:50
SUN & HOL 3:20 | 5:30 | 7:40

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR OUR MIDNIGHT SHOW!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH AT 11:55PM!

AVENGERS AGE OF ULTRON

Download our NEW APP

Palm Beach Plaza | Aruba | 586-0074

Judge OKs 65-year deal over NFL concussions; could cost \$1B

By MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- A federal judge has approved a settlement agreement that is expected to cost the NFL \$1 billion over 65 years to resolve thousands of concussion lawsuits.

NFL actuaries project about 6,000 of the league's nearly 20,000 retired players could someday develop Alzheimer's disease or moderate dementia over the life of the deal approved Wednesday by a federal judge in Philadelphia.

The average award would be about \$190,000. Awards could reach \$1 million to \$5 million for those diagnosed in their 30s and 40s with Parkinson's disease or Lou Gehrig's disease, or for deaths involving chronic brain trauma.

The benefits process could start this summer, but any appeal would delay all payments indefinitely.

"What matters now is time, and many retired players do not have much left," said plaintiff Kevin Turner, a former New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles running back who has Lou Gehrig's disease.



In this Nov. 22, 2009, file photo, New England Patriots linebacker Junior Seau, center, talks to teammates on the sidelines during an NFL football game against the New York Jets in Foxborough, Mass.

The league has been dogged for years by complaints that it long hid the risks of repeated concussions to return players to the field.

Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody approved the settlement after twice sending it back to lawyers over concerns the fund might run out. The negotiators did not increase the

original \$765 million plan, but agreed to remove that number as the cap.

The settlement approval, a week before the NFL draft, ends a nearly four-year legal fight.

A trial could have delayed the financial awards and medical testing for years, plaintiff's lawyers Christopher Seeger and Sol Weiss said.

"Today, these courageous men and their families have made history," plaintiffs' lawyers Christopher Seeger and Sol Weiss said in a statement.

"With over 99 percent participation, it is clear the retired player community overwhelmingly supports this agreement," the lawyers added. "Indeed, throughout this settlement

process, we have heard directly from countless retired players who are in dire need of these benefits."

The deal means the NFL may never have to disclose what it knew when about the risks and treatment of concussions. The settlement, Brody wrote, is not an admission of liability or wrongdoing or recognition of the validity of the plaintiffs' claims.

But the NFL has acknowledged the concussion epidemic publicly, changing protocols for evaluating injured players during games and launching an advertising and social media campaign to promote safe play at all levels of football.

The league's top lawyer said Brody's approval "powerfully underscores the fairness and propriety" of the settlement.

"Retirees and their families will be eligible for prompt and substantial benefits and will avoid years of costly litigation that - as Judge Brody's comprehensive opinion makes clear - would have an uncertain prospect of success," NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said in a statement. □



Alejandro Valverde of the Movistar team, right, sprints towards the finish line to take first place in the Belgian cycling classic Fleche Wallonne, in Huy, Belgium, Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

Associated Press

HUY, Belgium (AP) — Alejandro Valverde of Spain perfectly timed his attack to win the Fleche Wallonne (Walloon Arrow) classic for the third time and the second year in a row on Wednesday.

Valverde, the runner-up at the Amstel Gold Race last week, won a sprint ahead of France's Julian Alaphilippe and Swiss rider Mi-

chael Albasini at the top of the Mur de Huy after making his move a few hundred meters before the finish.

Valverde joined the likes of Belgian great Eddy Merckx in a club of five riders to have won the race a record three times.

"There is no secret, you just need to be in great shape and to love these races," Valverde said. "Just a lot

Valverde wins Fleche Wallonne for 3rd time

of training. To match a rider like Eddy Merckx is great, it gives me a lot of confidence and it shows that I still have the legs to perform well."

Despite the addition this year of a new climb with an 8.1 percent average gradient—the Cote de Cherave — to the 205.5-kilometer ride through the woods and hills, victory was again decided in the final ascent of the iconic Mur de Huy.

The Mur is one of cycling's most difficult climbs, with a 26 percent gradient at its steepest, and Valverde knows it inside out. The Spaniard remained well positioned at the front of the pack from the foot of the climb and had enough

power left in his legs when he attacked.

Belgian Tim Wellens almost succeeded with a bold move on the Cote de Cherave but ran out of gas in the Mur as he was caught with less than 500 meters to go by Valverde and a pack of favorites that also included Tour de France champion Vincenzo Nibali and world champion Michal Kwiatkowski.

The major spring classics end with Sunday's Liege-Bastogne-Liege race and Valverde — who will turn 35 on Saturday — will be among the favorites, having already won it twice. The race is run over similar hilly terrain in southern Belgium. Former Tour champi-

on Christopher Froome was involved in a crash about 12 kilometers from the finish. With his shorts torn, the British rider got back on his bike and raced.

Froome used the Belgian classic as part of his preparations for the Tour de France, as the Mur de Huy climb will feature in the third stage of this year's Tour.

"Chris... was pretty banged up but showed real courage to finish the race and we'll assess his injuries overnight," Team Sky sports director Gabriel Rasch said. "He hasn't needed to go to hospital and right now as things stand, we're still expecting him to line up at the Tour de Romandie next Tuesday." □

Feeling safe? Try attending Internet security conference

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A conference of Internet security experts is not for the faint of heart.

Hallway chatter and keynote speeches are peppered with scary stories of increasingly sophisticated hackers siphoning off valuable personal and corporate data.

In the words of one expert, the bad guys are outmaneuvering those charged with keeping the wired world safe. This despite repeated vows from CEOs and government officials to tighten security after high-profile breaches at Sony Pictures, health insurer Anthem and retailers Target and Home Depot.

The recent wave of corporate data breaches and cyber-attacks provided plenty of fodder for a weeklong cyber-security conference in San Francisco. Some 28,000 threat analysts, security vendors and corporate IT administrators gathered to talk about malicious software, spear-phishing and other attacks that can steal money or secrets from companies and consumers.

Growing concern over cyber-threats has been good



A presentation on web app security is made during the RSA Conference on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in San Francisco. Threat analysts, security vendors and corporate IT administrators have gathered here to talk about malicious software, spear-phishing and other attacks that can steal money or secrets from companies and consumers.

Associated Press

for business, driving up revenue and stock prices for many security firms. But researchers say the dangers are real: Last year saw a record number of commercial data breaches and "denial-of-service" attacks, aimed at shutting down websites by flooding them with bogus traffic.

Here are some highlights from this year's RSA confer-

ence, named for its chief sponsor, the RSA security division of tech company EMC Inc.

PHISHING WORKS

Many data breaches are the result of human error, especially people falling for bogus phishing emails, text messages or websites that appear to come from acquaintances or trusted

companies.

Phishing attacks are a favored tactic of hackers working for foreign governments and criminal groups because they trick their targets into handing over passwords or clicking on links that install malicious programs. Verizon researchers estimate one in five phishing emails were read by their targets and one in 10 persuaded someone to open an attached file. Security firm Proofpoint says middle managers are increasingly being target-

ed with emails containing seemingly "official" attachments such as fax or voicemail alerts.

"It only takes one person to click" on a link or attachment and put their employer's entire network at risk, said Verizon senior analyst Marc Spittler. As for hackers, "they don't need a high rate of clicking because they can just churn out the emails."

CONNECTED DEVICES, EASY TARGETS

As more home appliances are connected to the Internet, experts warn they are vulnerable to hackers intending mischief or worse. While actual hacking incidents have been rare, researchers warn that manufacturers aren't considering security in connected devices.

In separate reports, experts at security firms Veracode and Laconicly said they found vulnerabilities in home systems that control lights, thermostats and garage door openers from a smartphone or other device.

While some systems use encryption and other safeguards, the tests found others were vulnerable to hackers eavesdropping on data signals and learning residents' habits, such as what time they leave the house and when they come home. □

Drivers want new safety technology, but it will cost them

DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Auto Writer
DETROIT (AP) — Drivers want more collision-prevention technology in their cars,

but there is a limit to how much they will pay.

Blind spot detection, night vision and collision avoidance systems — which automatically apply the brakes if the driver doesn't react in time — are the top three technologies drivers want on their next cars, according to a study released Wednesday by the consulting firm J.D. Power.

Drivers are much less excited about fuel-saving features, like solar roofs or active grille shutters, which open and close to improve



In this April 2, 2015 file photo, the 2016 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid is presented at the New York International Auto Show in New York.

Associated Press

aerodynamics.

They also show little interest in wellness gadgets, like seats that measure your blood pressure, or sensors

that let drivers use hand gestures to control the car's functions.

Navigation systems also weren't popular. □

Hello? Facebook launches phone-calling app for Android

NEW YORK (AP) -- Hello? Anyone there? Facebook unveiled a new voice-calling app for Android phones on Wednesday, the same day that its WhatsApp messaging service introduced voice-calling for iOS devices.

Phone calls, it seems, are not dead yet.

Called "Hello," the stand-alone app is the seventh child of Facebook Creative Labs, the company's arm tasked with creating new applications outside

of Facebook. Others, such as the news-reading app Paper or the video sharing app Riff, have met with limited success.

Hello's aim is to give people more information about who is calling them. Because it's connected to Facebook, Hello users can see information about their callers' identity even if they don't count them as a contact.

Hello is currently available in the U.S., Brazil and Nigeria. □

After slow day, Wall Street ends higher

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors cheered moves by Google and credit-card companies on Wednesday and sent the stock market to a solid gain. Google helped set off a surge in technology stocks after it unveiled a low-cost wireless phone service. Google's new wireless service, dubbed "Project Fi," costs around \$20 a month for basic service and charges customers for the amount of data they use. The low-cost plan puts the

Street's estimates. McDonald's gained \$2.97, or 3 percent, to \$97.84. Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank, called the market's response to McDonald's earnings typical of the earnings season so far. "It was pretty lousy report, but investors remain optimistic about the future," Ablin said. "I think investors are willing to shrug off one bad quarter for earnings. We'll see what happens if we get a string of disappointments." The S&P 500 index rose

mates, while costs climbed for its 787 Dreamliner. Boeing dropped \$2.14, or 1 percent, to \$151.19. Chipotle said bad weather and a shortage of pork slowed its sales growth at the start of the year. As a result, revenue for the first quarter fell short of Wall Street's targets. Chipotle said the issue could last until the end of the year. Chipotle's stock sank \$51.29, or 7 percent, to \$641.23. Major markets finished mixed in Europe. France's CAC 40 rose 0.4 percent, while Germany's DAX



Specialist Michael Pistillo, left, and trader F. Hill Creekmore work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Investors cheered moves by Google and credit-card companies on Wednesday and sent the stock market to a solid gain.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Internet search giant into competition with AT&T and Verizon Wireless. Google's stock gained \$6.25, or 1 percent, to \$549.18. For most of the day, the market looked like a driver given bad directions. Major indexes shuffled between slight gains and losses in morning trading before turning higher in the late afternoon. The gains were modest but shared widely: All 10 industries in the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose. McDonald's said a strong dollar and restructuring charges weighed on its first-quarter results as a new CEO tries to turn the hamburger chain around. The company's sales continued to fall in the quarter, but its earnings beat Wall

10.67 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,107.96. That's just 10 points shy of its record high reached on March 2. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 88.68 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,038.27, and the Nasdaq composite picked up 21.07 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,035.17. Visa and MasterCard surged following news that China plans to allow foreign companies to handle bank-card transactions. Visa's stock jumped \$2.66, or 4 percent, to \$68.01, while MasterCard gained \$3.43, also 4 percent, to \$91.20. Among the big companies turning in quarterly results, Boeing reported higher profit and revenue for the first quarter. But the aircraft maker's sales missed esti-

dropped 0.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.5 percent. In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 1.1 percent to finish at 20,133, the first time since April 14, 2000 that the index closed above 20,000 points. South Korea's Kospi was little changed. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.3 percent and China's Shanghai Composite jumped 2.4 percent. Back in the U.S., government bond prices fell, driving the yield on the 10-year Treasury note up to 1.98 percent from 1.91 percent late Tuesday. In commodities trading, benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 45 cents to \$56.16 a barrel in New York. Brent crude rose 65 cents to \$62.73 barrel in London. □

Chipotle breaks billion-dollar sales barrier for the first time

STEPHANIE STROM
© 2015 New York Times

Earnings reports this week from three prominent restaurant operators, including Chipotle Mexican Grill, illustrated the impact of the changing preferences of U.S. consumers.

Sales at Chipotle, the restaurant chain that has come to symbolize the tastes of the millennial generation, broke the billion-dollar barrier for the first time in a single quarter, despite a problem with its pork supply that caused some of its more than 1,800 stores to run short on carnitas.

Brinker International, which operates Chili's and Maggiano's, said it was hoping further investments in technology to build customer loyalty would help it sustain and build sales, which climbed 3.3 percent, to \$784.2 million, in its third quarter, which ended March 25.

Yum Brands, the company behind KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut, continued to struggle to regain its footing in China, where sales remain weak after one of its meat suppliers was hit last year with a food-safety scandal. So-called fast-casual restaurants like Chipotle, which allow their customers to tailor their meals, and still have them ready in a flash, are booming right now, playing to consumer tastes for customization, speed and ingredients from sources that adhere to animal welfare, organic and other standards.

Sales in its stores open at least one year were up 10.4 percent in the first quarter, which ended March 31. Overall sales were up 20.4 percent to \$1.09 billion, compared with \$904.2 million in the same period last year. Profits jumped 47.6 percent to \$122.6 million.

"We are very proud of our start to 2015, as our average sales volumes reached a record \$2.5 million per restaurant," Steve Ells, Chipotle's co-chief executive, said in a statement.

Investment analysts, however, had been expecting stronger comparable sales, and the company's shares, which rose 0.8 percent Tuesday, fell more than 5 percent in after-hours trading.

John R. Hartung, the company's chief financial officer, said in a conference call with the analysts that the shortage of pork and how it was dealt with, along with harsh weather in some parts of the country, had reduced comparable store sales by 1 to 2 percent.

Chipotle has rotated supplies of pork around the country so that all stores have carnitas at some point.

"This rolling blackout has caused confusion among our customers, and where and when we're out of carnitas," Hartung said. "Starting later this month, we'll stop the rolling blackout."

Yum's chains are fast-food restaurants, the segment of the business that has been hardest hit by the rise of Chipotle and others. Its sales fell 4 percent, to \$2.6 billion, in its first quarter, which ended March 21.

The company struggled to turn the tide in its KFC and Pizza Hut stores in China, where same-store sales dropped 12 percent - an improvement, according to Jonathan Blum, Yum's chief of public affairs.

"Our sales continued to improve, and while still down, are down less this quarter than they were last," Blum said. "So the trajectory is in the right direction."

Outside China, comparable store sales were up 5 percent at KFC and 6 percent at Taco Bell, while flat at Pizza Hut.

Profits dropped 9 percent, to \$362 million, compared with \$399 million in the same quarter last year. Still, that was better than investment analysts had predicted, and the share price of Yum Brands was up more than 3 percent in after-hours trading. □

Coke profit tops expectations, helped by price hikes

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola reported a quarterly profit Wednesday that beat Wall Street expectations as the world's largest beverage maker raised prices to offset slower growth. The maker of Sprite, Dasani, Powerade and other drinks said its global volume rose 1 percent, reflecting gains in both soda and non-car-

bonated drinks. In its flagship North America market, overall volume was flat. The company sold 1 percent less soda, reflecting the ongoing move away from traditional carbonated drinks. One recent drag on soda has been the fading popularity of Diet Coke. The drink declined 5 percent in the region, while Coke Zero, a

newer diet soda, declined 1 percent, said Kathy Waller, Coke's chief financial officer. "We're doing a lot of work in North America to understand what's going on," Waller said of the decline of diet sodas. The overall soda decline in North America was offset by a 2 percent increase in noncarbonated drinks,

such as bottled teas. Higher pricing helped drive up revenue. Coca-Cola Co. says it is focusing less on volume growth and instead focusing on driving up revenue by mixing up the type of packages it sells. For instance, the Atlanta-based company has been pushing its mini-cans and glass bottles more aggressively,

which are positioned as premium offerings and tend to fetch higher prices per ounce. Waller said the company is continuing to roll out the mini-cans more broadly in the U.S. The company has also said it would work on slashing costs to improve its financial performance amid slowing growth. □

Boeing tops 1Q profit forecasts, airplane deliveries rise

DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

Boeing Co. delivered more commercial airliners in the first quarter, offsetting sluggish results in the defense side of its business and push-

ing its first-quarter earnings up 38 percent. The profit topped Wall Street expectations, but revenue was below forecasts, and production costs

of their record profits to buy new and more fuel-efficient jets. Boeing executives predict that increased travel, new routes and airline growth will bolster plane

sales for years to come. They brush aside concern that falling oil prices could undercut demand or cause airlines to delay purchases. "These remain very good times for our industry," CEO Jim McNerney told analysts on a conference call. He said demand for planes is tightly related to airline profits, and lower oil prices since last summer have not changed the airlines' plans to upgrade their fleets. Boeing delivered 184 airliners in the quarter, up from 161 in the same period last year, with two-thirds of them for the venerable 737 jet, a workhorse on short and mid-range routes around the world. Meanwhile, orders minus cancelations rose by a net of 110 in the quarter, and Boeing now has 5,700 orders on its books. About half are for an upcoming version of the 737. The backlog is valued at \$495 billion. Boeing is still losing money on its innovative 787 passenger jet, made with a large share of lightweight carbon composites to save fuel. The company hopes to begin turning a profit on the plane soon, and the rate of so-called deferred production costs slowed from both a year ago and last year's fourth quarter. Cowen and Co. analyst Cai von Rumohr called the 787-cost trend "very encouraging," and Jefferies analyst Howard Rubel said the company "is starting to

show good improvement in its production costs." The Chicago-based company said that net income rose to \$1.34 billion, or \$1.87 per share. Excluding \$113 million in pension expenses, the company said adjusted profit was \$1.97 per share — beating the \$1.81 per share forecast by analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. A year earlier, adjusted profit was \$1.76 per share. Revenue rose 8 percent to \$22.15 billion. That was short of the \$22.63 billion expected by six analysts surveyed by Zacks. The company reaffirmed its forecast for full-year earnings in the range of \$8.20 to \$8.40 per share and revenue between \$94.5 billion and \$96.5 billion. As in recent quarters, it was a tale of Boeing's two very different business segments: — Earnings from commercial airplanes rose 8 percent on a 21 percent jump in revenue. That segment accounted for two-thirds of profit and sales. □



This photo shows a Boeing 787 jet following a test flight, at Boeing Field, in Seattle. The Boeing Co. reported quarterly financial results before the market opened on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

ing its first-quarter earnings up 38 percent. The profit topped Wall Street expectations, but revenue was below forecasts, and production costs

of their record profits to buy new and more fuel-efficient jets. Boeing executives predict that increased travel, new routes and airline growth will bolster plane

sales for years to come. They brush aside concern that falling oil prices could undercut demand or cause airlines to delay purchases. "These remain very good times for our industry," CEO

Jim McNerney told analysts on a conference call. He said demand for planes is tightly related to airline profits, and lower oil prices since last summer have not

McDonald's plots turnaround as sales continue to slide

C. CHOI
M. CHAPMAN
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's plans to unwrap a plan next month that it says will help turn around sales declines around the world. CEO Steve Easterbrook, who stepped into the role just last month, said Wednesday the company will share "initial details" of the plan May 4. "I think there is a hunger

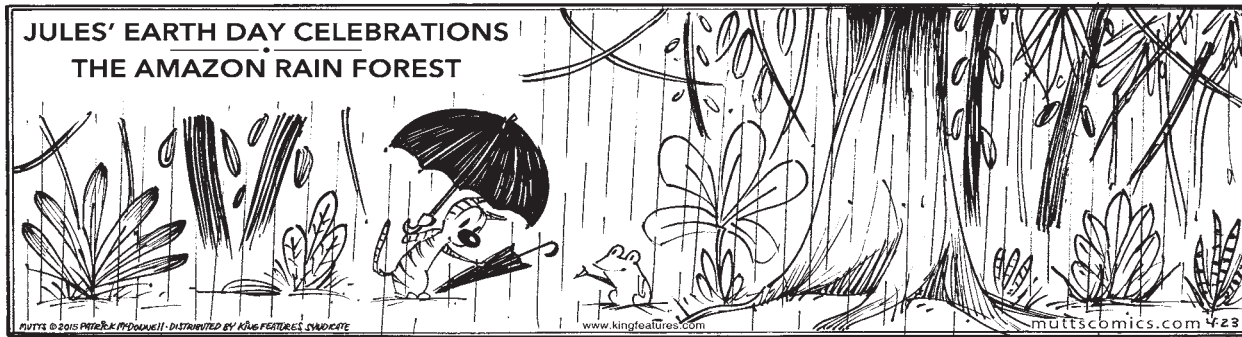
and an interest in our business to embrace change," Easterbrook said during a conference call. While McDonald's has been "phenomenally successful" for decades, he said that has also made the company conservative. The world's biggest hamburger chain said global sales declined 2.3 percent at established locations during the first three months of the year, with results for

April expected to be negative as well. The drop included a 2.6 percent drop in the U.S., where people are increasingly heading to places that market their food as more wholesome. Already this year, McDonald's has announced a number of changes in the U.S. including a simplified grilled chicken recipe and curbing the use of antibiotics in raising chicken. Amid ongoing protests calling for

pay of \$15 an hour and a union for fast-food workers, it also said it would raise wages and offer vacation time for workers at company-owned stores. McDonald's is trying to change its image while its competition is taking its customers. A day earlier, Chipotle Mexican Grill said its sales rose 10.4 percent at established locations during the quarter, as a pork shortage and bad weather

damped results. The chain has been enjoying strong sales growth, with executives saying the company is changing the way people think about fast food. Taco Bell's parent company, Yum Brands, said the chain's sales rose 6 percent during the period. The increase was helped by the introduction of Taco Bell's breakfast menu, which has repeatedly targeted McDonald's in its advertising. □

Mutts



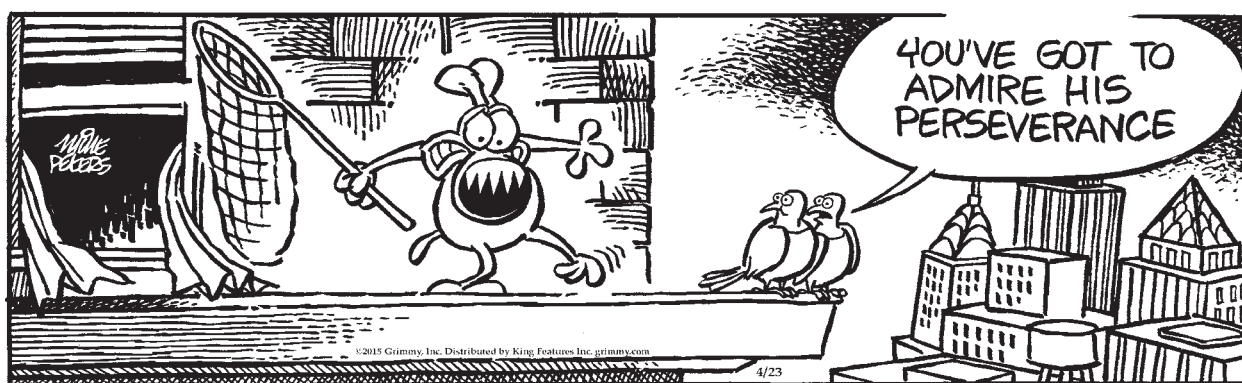
6 Chix



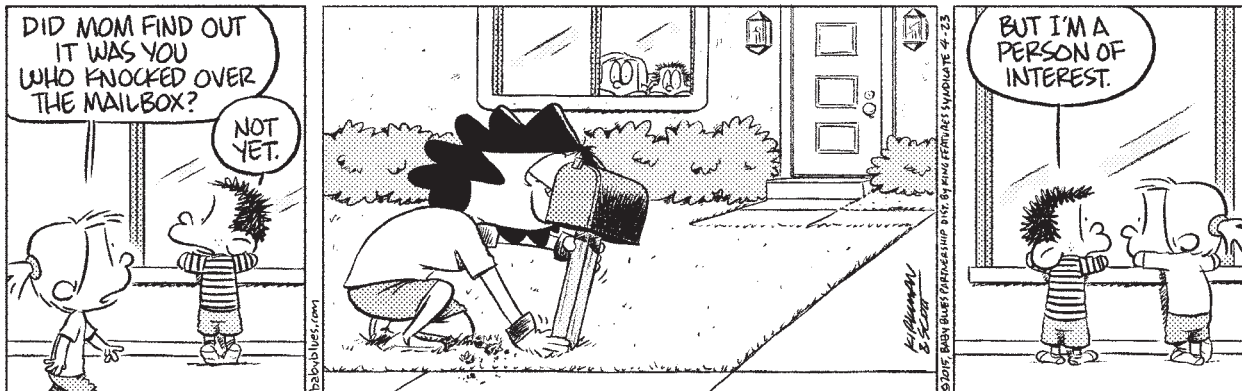
Blondie



Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

	2			3			7	
8			4		6	3		2
	9							
	7						1	
3			5		9			4
	4						2	
							8	
4		9	8		7			1
	3			2			9	

Difficulty Level ★★

©2015 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

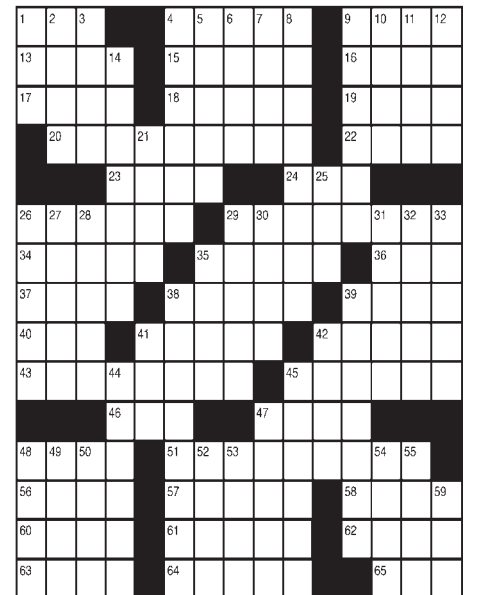
1	3	7	5	2	9	6	8	4
9	4	2	6	8	1	7	5	3
8	6	5	3	4	7	9	2	1
6	5	4	1	9	8	2	3	7
3	2	8	7	6	4	5	1	9
7	9	1	2	3	5	4	6	8
2	7	3	4	1	6	8	9	5
5	1	9	8	7	2	3	4	6
4	8	6	9	5	3	1	7	2

ACROSS

- 1 Spoil
4 ___nothing; accepting no compromises
9 Sad-looking
13 Has debts
15 Sheer fabric
16 Ambience; atmosphere
17 Feeble
18 Stories
19 Scrambled __; breakfast order
20 Playwright
22 Bruce & Spike
23 Abbr. in some college names
24 Heavyweight champ
26 Piercing cry
29 Not connected
34 __ at; indicate
35 Repaired
36 Tavern drink
37 Ladder step
38 Dwell
39 Lie next to
40 Donkey
41 Employs
42 Lead; steer
43 Adolescent
45 Housecoat
46 One __ time; consecutively
47 In __; jokingly
48 Fashionable
51 Abbey
56 Biblical book
57 Stay away from
58 Drive out
60 Too
61 At no time
62 Engrave
63 Sheep cries
64 Rendezvous
65 Astronomer's focus

DOWN

- 1 Cut the lawn
2 Floored
3 Raise, as kids
4 Pounce on
5 Reluctant
6 "___ Marleen"; WWII German love song
31 Second nature
32 Escape detection by
33 Talk out of
35 Blaze
38 Tough band of bodily tissue
39 No-frills



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

4/23/15

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

L	A	T	E	R	S	C	A	M	C	L	E	F
A	B	U	S	E	C	U	B	A	H	I	L	L
D	A	N	C	E	A	R	C	S	A	B	L	E
S	T	E	A	L	E	R	S	S	O	I	R	E
P	I	N	E	P	E	N	N	A	N	T		
A	S	C	E	N	D	R	O	S	E	S		
L	E	O	G	E	N	E	S	S	A	B	O	T
S	E	A	R	D	E	B	T	S	W	A	D	E
O	P	T	E	D	P	E	S	T	S	L	O	A
A	R	S	E	N	A	L	B	O	A	R		
P	O	U	R	E	D	B	U	L	L	E	T	I
A	G	E	S	I	C	E	D	E	M	O	T	E
R	U	D	E	S	O	L	D	S	O	F	I	A
T	E	E	S	H	O	L	I	T	R			

©2015 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved.

4/23/15

- 41 Derby
42 Powerful wind
44 Cheese-topped tortilla chips
45 Gobi or Mojave
47 Green gems
48 Grumpy person
49 Wahine's dance
50 "___ girl!"; new parents' cry
52 Above
53 Nation's sea force
54 Goes bad
55 "That food looks terrible!"
59 Your, biblically

Migrant crisis

Continued from Page 2

Ahead of the summit, Premier Mario Renzi called for EU leaders to approve three key proposals: doubling the resources and assets of the current EU border patrol mission; destroying smugglers' boats and improving coordination across the EU for transferring asylum seekers.

"European Union naval operations in the Horn of Africa have successfully fought piracy — and a similar initiative must be developed to effectively fight against human trafficking in the Mediterranean," Renzi wrote in a New York Times opinion piece. "Trafficking vessels should be put out of operation."

In the latest arrivals of migrants, an Italian naval vessel docked in the Sicilian port of Augusta with 446 people who had been rescued off the southern coast of the Italian mainland. The navy said 59 were children.

"We prefer to die trying (to migrate) than stay back there and die," said Emmanuel, a Nigerian migrant who recently arrived in Sicily. "Stay at home and get shot dead or maybe burnt to death, I just prefer to die while trying or survive."

Later in the day, another 540 migrants arrived in Salerno on the mainland. Some were in isolation under a tent of the main deck of the Italian navy ship that rescued them since they had scabies — underscoring a growing health threat that on Wednesday prompted Italian Health Minister Beatrice Lorenzin to convene a summit of EU health ministers in Rome to coordinate immunization and other health measures for the new arrivals.

Pinotti said she was cautiously hopeful that the EU summit on Thursday, solicited by Italy, would take tangible steps to deal with the emergency.

"We think it's the moment in which Europe decides, forcefully, to have an inter-

national police operation, which will undo this band of criminals," Pinotti said. In a speech to Parliament, Renzi urged the EU to swiftly craft long-range, comprehensive policy on the migrants.

"When a person has to risk his life because he needs to escape from a situation where they are chopping off the heads of those near him, you cannot discourage departures with a generic statement," the premier said. "You can do it by putting the (U.N.) High Commissioner for Refugees in Niger, Sudan" and elsewhere in Africa.

Italian media reports this week said Italian government officials were considering proposing the setting up of refugee camps, under U.N. auspices, in Niger, Tunisia and Sudan, so that migrants' applications for refugee status could be examined there. Renzi didn't

specify if camps would be an option, but stressed involvement of U.N. refugee offices in countries near Libya.

Pinotti indicated that if requests for asylum were processed in Africa, all EU countries could take a share of the migrants found eligible for refugee status or asylum. She urged "sharing and co-responsibility," saying the migrants "all can't arrive in Italy."

Italy has saved about 200,000 migrant lives at sea since the start of 2014. But Renzi said Italy's "noble, generous reaction alone isn't enough."

"We are asking Europe to be Europe, not just when it's time to devise a budget," Renzi said.

He said broad, long-term EU strategy, including wider sea patrols, could help combat "21st-century slave drivers" of migrants.

Classifieds

TIMESHARE FOR SALE RENAISSANCE

Week	room	price
1+2	517	\$ 19,000
10	137	\$ 9,000
14	348	\$ 11,500
8	561	\$ 9,000
13	501	\$ 9,000
14	349	\$ 1,000
9	135	\$ 9,000
7/8	304	\$ 9,000 each
10	139	\$ 8,500
51+52	2547	\$ 38,250
13	547	\$ 7,500
16	527	\$ 4,500

Contact Brian Cell: 593-0200
vr.realty@mac.com

211892

FOR SALE OR RENT

Renaissance Ocean Suites
week 18, sale or rent. Best room, top floor, outside corner. Contact 1-239-353-0825 or e-mail: nautibob@gmail.com

212067

TIMESHARE RESALE

La Cabana BRC
Studio wk 15 Room 338B
Studio wk 16 Room 432 B
Saturday check in
Price: \$4500 each
More info call (297) 6301307
info@arubatimetravel.com
www.arubatimetravel.com

212074

TIMESHARE RESALE

Do you want to sell your Time Share in Aruba?
Call us (297) 6301307
info@arubatimetravel.com
www.arubatimetravel.com
30 years experience
More inventory

212074

FOR RENT

Marriott Surf Club
Studio for rent
4/21-4/27 \$600 contact Joe (USA) 849-313-4155 or jguarino1958@gmail.com

212075

FOR SALE or RENT

Nice townhouse in Shaba
only 8 minutes to Eagle Beach
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living room, very nice kitchen granite counter top.
Facilities: pool, BBQ and parking space.
For sale \$255,000
For rent \$1,800 month minimum 6 month
Call: 733-6681 / 745-3510
E-mail: marita.landa@gmail.com

211874

DOCTOR ON DUTY Oranjestad



Dr. Gonzalez

EMERGENCIA 911



POLIS	100
POLIS	581-1100
ORANJESTAD	582-4000
NOORD	587-0009
STA. CRUZ	585-4710
SAVANETA	584-7000
SAN NICOLAS	584-5000
FIRE DEPT.	115
FIRE DEPT.	582-1108
POLIS TIPLINE	11141
HOSPITAL	527-4000
AMBULANCE	582-1234
SAN NICOLAS	
AMBULANCE	584-5050

PHARMACY

Oranjestad: Dakota Tel: 588-7364
San Nicolas: Aloe Tel: 584-4606

INFORMATION	118
SETAR	582-2116
TAXI	582-5900
TAXI-TAS	587-5900
PROF. TAXI	588-0035
TAXI D.T.S.	587-2300
SERVICE ARUBA	583-3232

CRUISESHIP

April 23
Carnival Conquest
Norwegian Pearl

Aruba Airport	524-2424
American Airline	582-2700
Avianca	588-0059
Dutch Antilles	588-1900
Insel Air	588-9314
Jet Blue	588-2244
Spirit Airlines	582-7117
Tiara Air	588-4272
Venezolana	583-7674

FOUNDATION

FELLOWSHIP CLINIC

Tel: 584-6440
Alcoholism & Drug Addiction,
Anonymity guaranteed

FUNDACION

Anti-Droga

Aruba
(FADA) Tel: 583-2999

FUNDACION

Respetami

Tel: 582-4433

Diabetic Foundation

Arubano

Tel: 583-3808

Narcotics Anonymous

Tel: 583-8989

Foundation Amor

pa Prohimo

Tel: 583-3345 / 586-6976

Women in Difficulties

Foundation

Tel: 583-5400

Bloodbank Aruba

Tel: 587-0002

FOR SALE

Ruby 72

This spacious 4 bedroom property is located at the end of a cul-de-sac in North. It has enough space to build a pool or guest apartment. The garden is fully fenced-in and has nice a landscaped yard. The built-up area is 217m²/ 2321 sq.ft. including the covered back porch, land size 837m².

Aruba Real Estate
Independently Owned and Operated

US\$ 334.269,-

Palm Beach 4-G
Tel.: 586 4242
www.arubahouses.com

ARUBA'S ENGLISH NEWS LEADER AND THE BEST PART OF YOUR DAY!

PODER DON SO MAN

How to reach us!

Downtown



Honey Dolls

MASSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE

Beautiful Latin Girls

Pick-up & Delivery
Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders
Bachelor Party Specialized,
the best in the Caribbean

Call: 565-9535



24/7

Popular pesticide hurts wild bees in major field study

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A common type of pesticide is dramatically harming wild bees, according to a new in-the-field study that outside experts say may help shift the way the U.S. government looks at a controversial class of chemicals.

But in the study published by the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, honeybees — which get trucked from place to place to pollinate major crops like almonds — didn't show the significant ill effects that wild cousins like bumblebees did. This is a finding some experts found surprising. A second study published in the same journal showed that in lab tests bees are not repelled by the pesticides and in fact may even prefer pesticide coated crops, making the problem worse. Bees of all kinds — crucial to pollinating plants, including major agricultural crops — have been in decline for several reasons. Pesticide problems are just one of many problems facing pollinators; this is separate from colony collapse disorder, which devastated honeybee populations in recent years but is now abating, experts said.

Exposure to neonicotinoid insecticides reduced the density of wild bees, resulted in less reproduction, and colonies that didn't



In this Aug. 2, 2003 file photo, a bumblebee sits atop a gray-headed coneflower in Dauphin, Pa. Associated Press

grow when compared to bees not exposed to the pesticide, the study found. Scientists in Sweden were able to conduct a study that was in the wild, but still had the in-the-lab qualities of having control groups that researchers covet. They used 16 patches of landscape, eight where canola seeds were coated with the pesticide and eight where they weren't and compared the two areas.

When the first results came in, "I was quite, 'Oh my God,'" said study lead author Maj Rundlof of Lund

University. She said the reduction in bee health was "much more dramatic than I ever expected." In areas treated with the pesticide, there were half as many wild bees per square meter than there were in areas not treated, Rundlof said. In the pesticide patches, bumblebee colonies had "almost no weight gain" compared to the normal colonies that gained about a pound, she said.

University of Illinois entomologist May Berenbaum, who wasn't part of either study and last year was award-

ed the National Medal of Science, said in an email that the studies "indicate that, at least with current technology, systemic use of pesticides is fraught with environmental problems." The European Union has a moratorium on the use of neonicotinoids and some environmentalists are pushing for the same in the United States. Rundlof conducted her study just before the European ban went into effect in 2013. "This paper has the potential of really shifting the conversation," said University of Maryland entomologist Dennis vanEnglesdorp, who wasn't part of the study. "Neonics may have a very dramatic effect on these non-managed pollinators in the environment. This is the most definitive work I've seen in the area." One of the more interesting aspects of Rundlof's study is that she couldn't measure an effect on honeybees, just wild native bees. There may be an effect but it would be under 20 percent, she said. The different species of bees respond differently and that only results in confusion because until now, scientists have used the domesticated honeybees as the model for all bees.

Scientists speculated why there is a difference. It could be that honeybees, which have colonies in the tens of thousands, can ab-

sorb more losses than the more solitary native bees, which have smaller colonies and have more difficulty getting new queens, Rundlof said.

It could be that because honeybees are more social, "they are probably much better adapted at taking abuse," said vanEnglesdorp.

While many large farms rely on honeybee colonies, a 2013 study found that wild bees and other insects were more important in pollination than previously thought and far more efficient at pollination than honeybees. Plus, the wild flowers around the world are mostly pollinated by wild bees, said Rundlof's co-author, Henrik Smith of Lund University.

David Fischer, director of pollinator safety for neonicotinoid manufacturer Bayer CropScience, emphasized the lack of harm found in honeybees, saying "that's the part of the story that seems to be not being paid attention to." He said this should be reassuring for beekeepers.

Fischer faulted the Rundlof study for using unrealistically large amounts of the pesticide — 2.5 times what is applied in the United States. He called it "an overdose." But Rundlof said she used dosages recommended in Bayer CropScience documents that she provided. □

IN & OUT CALL

FREE PICKUP

Safe Tours to the Red light District with private guide:
A 3 Hours tour includes a
FREE Bottle of Wine

The First & Only Legal One on Aruba Since 1997

Yap Yum

Escort Service

24 Hours Straight Service

7 Days a Week ANYTIME

Call 561-7777

WE SERVICE MEN,

WOMEN & COUPLES

We Guarantee
Quality, Service
& Reliability

Sandra Bullock named People's 'Most Beautiful Woman'



In this March 2, 2014, file photo, Sandra Bullock arrives at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — People magazine has named Sandra Bullock as the "World's Most Beautiful Woman" for 2015.

The 50-year-old actress, who voices a supervillain in the upcoming movie "Minions," tops the magazine's list, announced Wednesday.

Commenting on being

selected for this year's cover, Bullock says she just laughed when she heard about the honor. "No, really. I just said, 'That's ridiculous,'" she tells the magazine. "I've told no one." Bullock, who won an Oscar for "The Blind Side," says she's found beauty in her role as mother to her 5-year-old son, Louis. □

Dr. Oz: We will not be silenced



In this June 17, 2014, file photo, Dr. Mehmet Oz, vice chairman and professor of surgery, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Vowing that "we will not be silenced," television's Dr. Oz is fighting back against critics who are trying to get him removed from a faculty position at Columbia University. Dr. Mehmet Oz will air an episode of his syndicated talk show on Thursday that specifically takes on the group of 10 doctors from around the country

who wrote to a Columbia dean about him. The group suggested last week that Oz promotes "quack treatments" of weight loss supplements with no scientific proof that they work.

Oz taped a message previewing his show where he said he knows he has alienated people in "our quest to make America healthy." □



In this March 30, 2015 file photo, Brian Wilson performs on stage during Brian Fest: A Night To Celebrate The Music Of Brian Wilson at the Fonda Theatre in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Brian Wilson happy to have an old friend on new record, tour

JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — While Brian Wilson doesn't plan to officially reunite with the surviving members of the Beach Boys, having an old friend sing on a new record certainly provided a comfort zone.

Former bandmate Al Jardine, who sang lead vocals on Wilson's 1965 chart-topping single "Help Me, Rhonda," appears on a few tracks on his recently released "No Pier Pressure," and Wilson couldn't be happier.

"He sang my song 'Sail on, Sailor' in 1972, then he sang 'Sail Away' for me on this album," the 72-year-old singer-songwriter said in a recent interview. "He still sounds as good as he ever did."

Brothers Dennis, Brian and Carl Wilson, along with their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine, got together in 1961 to create songs about surfing, fast cars and girls and became a top musical group. Their hits include "Good Vibrations" and "California Girls."

The Beach Boys combined the harmonies of a jazz-

vocal group with the energy of a rock 'n' roll band. Wilson took it further with unusual musical arrangements, creative studio production and a tapestry of sounds that enhanced each song.

"We did it mostly with our voices, with harmonies. We did the harmonies together; we had five voices recorded four times to make 20 voices," Wilson said, describing the rich vocal arrangements he was able to produce in the studio.

Regarded by his peers as a musical genius, the multitasking Wilson's vision was an important part of the California Sound.

Initially, his songs were catchy optimistic tunes, but they became more sophisticated and experimental. He wrote the music, performed it and worked his magic at the recording console.

"I love to make people happy, that's one of my main things," Wilson said of his distinctly gentle sound. But he wouldn't describe himself as a "musical genius."

"Not a genius, but a good producer, not a genius.

I've been called a genius, but I'm not really a genius." Then he added: "Well, it makes me feel like I have a lot of versatility."

Wilson suffered a series of nervous breakdowns in the '60s and stopped touring with the group.

After a long recovery, he began recording again. For his eleventh solo album, he was able to attract young recording artists like Kasey Musgraves, Nate Ruess of fun. and Zoey Deschanel and M. Ward, known as She & Him.

Wilson will tour this summer with Jardine and Blondie Chaplin, who had a brief stint with the Beach Boys in the early 1970s.

The surviving original members — including Jardine and Love — reunited in 2012 for the band's 50th anniversary.

When asked if he will ever tour again as a Beach Boy, Wilson replied: "No. Probably not."

Still, Wilson loves performing, along with the adrenaline rush he gets when he's onstage.

"When the audience claps very loud that makes me very happy." □

A 'Beat the Clock' for the YouTube generation



In this Tuesday, March 31, 2015 photo, host Elliott Morgan, left, plays to the camera as teammates Dominic DeAngelis, center, and Harrison Webb look on during a taping of the classic game show "Beat the Clock," at YouTube Space LA, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This isn't your grandparents' "Beat the Clock."

Inside a soundstage at YouTube Space LA, a high-tech production facility operated by the streaming video site, a couple of YouTube stars have been outfitted with helmets and jockstraps affixed with long hooks. The guys are furiously gyrating their bodies in an attempt to nab rings scattered across the set in less than 60 seconds — all while several cameras capture each thrust.

The silly hip-shaking stunt is one of several tasks that will be featured in a new take on the old-school game show that dared contestants to complete challenges before time ran out. In this updated "Beat the Clock," the clock is on a flat-screen TV, the audience is chilling out on couches in the background, and the host and contestants are all Internet personalities.

FremantleMedia North America, the production company best known for keeping "American Idol" and "The Price is Right" on the airwaves, commissioned its digital content studio Tiny Riot! last year to begin revamping classic game shows from its library of more than 150 series,

such as "Password" and "Body Language," for its ad-supported Buzzr channel on YouTube.

"We're just here to have fun," said Tiny Riot! executive vice president and general manager Gayle Gilman during a break from filming. "The prizes are small, so it's more about just enjoying the games. We don't have to worry too much about the rules, and we can make the contestants do weird, twisted things like wear jockstraps with hooks. It's very liberating."

At a time when many TV and online providers are reviving beloved scripted shows, Fremantle launched Buzzr last fall with "Family Feud," featuring not relatives but YouTubers on Buzzr's casual set, which was constructed to accommodate several different game shows. Elliott Morgan, who gained Internet fame as one of the co-hosts of the YouTube news series "SourceFed," serves as host for the "Beat the Clock" episodes.

"I was only kind of familiar with it, so I Googled a bunch of clips before I auditioned and found some from like the 1950s," said the 28-year-old stand-up comedian, who regularly posts on his own YouTube channel. "I wasn't really

able to get through them all because things were really, really boring back then, but it was still sort of cool. I'm glad they upped the game."

Unlike a typical broadcast game show, Buzzr's prizes are only worth a few hundred dollars, but there aren't those annoying commercial breaks, either. The producers have also streamlined the games' formats, so they move faster than their predecessors but are still recognizable to longtime fans. Gilman said the initial Buzzr installments have been keeping viewers glued to their screens.

"It's primarily a short-form medium," said Gilman. "Our episodes have been ranging between eight and 18 minutes, and we've had about 70 percent retention across the board. The people who are watching are watching regardless if it's a short or long episode. That's an encouraging metric. It's not easy to get people to watch an 18-minute video on YouTube."

While the content is only intended to be viewed online, Gilman said there's a possibility that the YouTube shenanigans will be broadcast on TV. Fremantle has partnered with some Fox stations to launch a game show network this summer also called Buzzr. □

Review: A Hemingway makes sense of her family's troubles



This image released by Regan Arts shows "Out Came the Sun: Overcoming the Legacy of Mental Illness, Addiction, and Suicide in My Family," a memoir by Mariel Hemingway.

Associated Press

WILL LESTER

Associated Press

Born into one of America's best-known families, Mariel Hemingway grew up with the advantages of sharing the name of her grandfather Ernest Hemingway and the burden of growing up in a family at least as dysfunctional as it was famous. "Out Came the Sun" is her memoir of growing up Hemingway, flirting with an intermittently successful film career, a number of difficult relationships and finally of finding her own voice — a progression toward self-awareness evident in the strength of writing later in her book.

Mariel Hemingway writes of the surreal experience of attending first grade at Ernest Hemingway Elementary School as she was growing up in Idaho, and how some classmates reacted with resentment once they made the family connection. She writes of tensions in her parents' marriage often made worse with bouts of drinking. While growing up, Mariel Hemingway eventually learned that about five months before she was born, her famous grandfather, living in Idaho at the time, shot himself in the head with his shotgun at age 61. This was one of several suicides in the Hemingway

way family, including the writer's father, Clarence, and brother, Leicester.

"Throughout my life, people have spoken of the Hemingway curse," she writes, referring to issues like alcoholism, mental illness and suicide. "It was a nasty word that suggested a lack of control." One sister, nicknamed Muffet, suffered from mental illness, and another, Margot, overcame her disorganization and insecurity to become one of the nation's top supermodels, later known as Margaux, who got a chance at acting in movies, but never broke through. Margaux got a role in the 1976 thriller "Lipstick," that also provided a role for her younger sister, Mariel. Ironically, Mariel got the better reviews.

Mariel got a break when Woody Allen offered her the role of Tracy, a high school student and Allen's lover in the movie "Manhattan." She received an Oscar nomination as best supporting actress, and seemed on her way to a promising film career. She writes that "Manhattan" did wonders for her confidence and "helped strengthen my still-fragile self-image." She became close friends with Allen while making the movie, and he later visited her at her family home in Idaho and even invited her to Paris, but Hemingway turned down his request. Hemingway got several other roles in movies, but seldom matched the success she had in "Manhattan." And her string of personal relationships ranged from a liaison with filmmaker Robert Towne, fending off advances from director Bob Fosse and a sometimes difficult marriage that gave her two children, but finally dissolved after she and her husband had been together for 25 years. When she got another offer to be in a Woody Allen film, "Deconstructing Harry." □

When Cultures Shift



DAVID BROOKS
© 2015 New York Times

In January 1969, two quarterbacks played against each other in Super Bowl III. Johnny Unitas and Joe Namath were both superstars. They were both from western Pennsylvania, but they came from different cultural universes. Unitas was reticent, workmanlike and deliberately unglamorous. Namath was flashy and a playboy. He turned himself into a marketing brand and wrote a memoir jokingly called, "I Can't Wait Until Tomorrow 'Cause I Get Better Looking Every Day."

The contrast between these two men symbolizes a broader shift from a culture of self-effacement, which says, "I'm no better than anybody else and nobody is better than me," to a culture of self-expression, which says, "Look at what I've accomplished. I'm special."

The conventional story, beloved especially on the right, is that this cultural shift took place in the 1960s. First there was the Greatest Generation, whose members were modest and self-sacrificing, but then along came the baby boomers who were narcissistic and relativistic.

As I found while researching a book, this storyline doesn't really fit the facts. The big shift in American culture did not happen around the time of Woodstock and the Age of Aquarius. It happened in the late 1940s, and it was the members of the Greatest Generation that led the shift. The real pivot point was the end of World War II. By the fall of 1945, Americans had endured 16 years of hardship, stretching back through the Depression. They were ready to let loose and say farewell to all that. There followed what the historian Alan Petigny called "the renunciation of renunciation." The amount of consumer advertising on the radio exploded. Magazines ran articles on the wonderful lifestyle changes that were going to make lives easier - ultraviolet lights that would sterilize dishes in place of dishwashing.

There was a softening in the moral sphere. In 1946, Rabbi Joshua Liebman published a book called "Peace of Mind" that told everybody to relax and love themselves. He wrote a new set of commandments, including "Thou shalt not be afraid of thy hidden impulses;" thou shalt "love thyself." Liebman's book touched a nerve. It stayed atop The New York Times' best-seller list for 58

weeks.

A few years later, Harry Overstreet published "The Mature Mind," which similarly advised people to discard the doctrine based on human sinfulness and embrace self affirmation. That book topped the list for 16 weeks. In 1952, Norman Vincent Peale came out with "The Power of Positive Thinking," which rejected a morality of restraint for an upbeat morality of growth. That book rested atop the best-seller list for an astounding 98 weeks.

Then along came humanistic psychology, led by people like Carl Rogers, who was the most influential psychologist of the 20th century. Rogers followed the same basic line: Human nature is intrinsically good. People need to love themselves more. They need to remove external restraints on their glorious selves.

"Man's behavior is exquisitely rational," Rogers wrote, "moving with subtle and ordered complexity toward the goal his organism is endeavoring to achieve." Humanistic psychology led to the self-esteem movement and much else, reshaping the atmosphere in schools, human-resources departments and across American society.

In short, American popular culture pivoted. Once the dominant view was that the self is to be distrusted but external institutions are to be trusted. Then the dominant view was that the self is to be trusted and external constraints are to be distrusted.

This more positive view of human nature produced some very good social benefits. For centuries people in certain groups in society had been taught to think too poorly of themselves. Many feminists and civil rights activists seized on these messages to help formerly oppressed groups to believe in themselves, to raise their sights and aspirations.

But I would say that we have overshot the mark. We now live in a world in which commencement speakers tell students to trust themselves, listen to themselves, follow their passions, to glorify the Golden Figure inside. We now live in a culture of the Big Me, a culture of meritocracy where we promote ourselves and a social media culture where we broadcast highlight reels of our lives. What's lost is the more balanced view, that we are splendidly endowed but also broken. And without that view, the whole logic of character-building falls apart. You build your career by building on your strengths, but you improve your character by trying to address your weaknesses.

So perhaps the culture needs a rebalance. The romantic culture of self-glorification has to be balanced with an older philosophic tradition, based on the realistic acknowledgment that we are all made of crooked timber and that we need help to cope with our own tendency to screw things up. That great tradition and body of wisdom was accidentally tossed aside in the late 1940s. It's worth reviving and modernizing it. □



That Old-Time Economics



PAUL KRUGMAN
© 2015 New York Times

BRUSSELS - America has yet to achieve a full recovery from the effects of the 2008 financial crisis. Still, it seems fair to say that we've made up much, though by no means all, of the lost ground.

But you can't say the same about the eurozone, where real gross domestic product per capita is still lower than it was in 2007, and 10 percent or more below where it was supposed to be by now. This is worse than Europe's track record during the 1930s.

Why has Europe done so badly? In the past few weeks, I've seen a number of speeches and articles suggesting that the problem lies in the inadequacy of our economic models - that we need to rethink macroeconomic theory, which has failed to offer useful policy guidance in the crisis. But is this really the story?

No, it isn't. It's true that few economists predicted the crisis. The clean little secret of economics since then, however, is that basic textbook models, reflecting an approach to recessions and recoveries that would have seemed familiar to students half a century ago, have performed very well. The trouble is that policymakers in Europe decided to reject those basic models in favor of alternative approaches that were innovative, exciting and completely wrong.

I've been revisiting economic policy debates since 2008, and

what stands out from around 2010 onward is the huge divergence in thinking that emerged between the United States and Europe. In America, the White House and the Federal Reserve mainly stayed faithful to standard Keynesian economics. The Obama administration wasted a lot of time and effort pursuing a so-called Grand Bargain on the budget, but it continued to believe in the textbook proposition that deficit spending is actually a good thing in a depressed economy. Meanwhile, the Fed ignored ominous warnings that it was "debasing the dollar," sticking with the view that its low-interest-rate policies wouldn't cause inflation as long as unemployment remained high.

In Europe, by contrast, policymakers were ready and eager to throw textbook economics out the window in favor of new approaches. The European Commission, headquartered here in Brussels, eagerly seized upon supposed evidence for "expansionary austerity," rejecting the conventional case for deficit spending in favor of the claim that slashing spending in a depressed economy actually creates jobs, because it boosts confidence. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank took inflation warnings to heart and raised interest rates in 2011 even though unemployment was still very high.

But while European policymakers may have imagined that they were showing a praiseworthy openness to new economic ideas, the economists they chose to listen to were those telling them what they wanted to hear. They sought justifications for the harsh policies they were determined, for political and ideological reasons, to impose on debtor nations; they lionized economists, like Harvard's Alberto Alesina, Carmen Reinhart, and Kenneth Rogoff, who seemed to offer that justification. As it turned out,

however, all that exciting new research was deeply flawed, one way or another.

And while new ideas were crashing and burning, that old-time economics was going from strength to strength. Some readers may recall that there was much scoffing at predictions from Keynesian economists, myself included, that interest rates would stay low despite huge budget deficits; that inflation would remain subdued despite huge bond purchases by the Fed; that sharp cuts in government spending, far from unleashing a confidence-driven boom in private spending, would cause private spending to fall further. But all these predictions came true.

The point is that it's wrong to claim, as many do, that policy failed because economic theory didn't provide the guidance policymakers needed. In reality, theory provided excellent guidance, if only policymakers had been willing to listen. Unfortunately, they weren't. And they still aren't. If you want to feel really depressed about Europe's future, read the op-ed article by Wolfgang Schaeuble, the German finance minister, that was published Wednesday by The Times. It's a flat-out rejection of everything we know about macroeconomics, of all the insights that European experience these past five years confirms. In Schaeuble's world, austerity leads to confidence, confidence creates growth, and, if it's not working for your country, it's because you're not doing it right. But back to the question of new ideas and their role in policy. It's hard to argue against new ideas in general. In recent years, however, innovative economic ideas, far from helping to provide a solution, have been part of the problem. We would have been far better off if we had stuck to that old-time macroeconomics, which is looking better than ever. □

TIFFANY & Co

INVITES YOU TO A
LAST BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S EVENT

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH
LITTLE LUXURIES FROM TIFFANY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
THROUGH
SATURDAY, APRIL 25

10 AM – 3 PM

TIFFANY & CO
Located inside Little Switzerland
Royal Plaza, Oranjestad Aruba



A Tuna Sandwich With a Touch of Italy



An Italian-style tuna sandwich, using olive oil rather than mayonnaise for dressing, in New York. Capers, olives, anchovy, garlic and parsley are combined with the oil to make a zesty sauce.
(Evan Sung/The New York Times)

DAVID TANIS

© 2015 New York Times

For a sandwich-maker, the two most important considerations are what's on the inside and what's on the outside.

The interior should be tasty but streamlined. Good butter and watercress with salt and pepper. Ripe tomatoes and roasted peppers with arugula and

garlicky vinaigrette. Fresh mozzarella with black olive tapenade. Fried egg and harissa.

As for the exterior, you must have bread that's freshly baked, or all is lost.

Take tuna, for instance. There's nothing wrong with the American way, but I prefer to veer Italian. Italian cooks invariably anoint their tuna with olive oil instead

of mayonnaise. In my version, the familiar trinity of capers, olives and anchovy is combined with olive oil, garlic and parsley to make a zesty salsa verde. A split crusty baguette or ciabatta roll is painted liberally with this green sauce. A lettuce leaf or two, some large flakes of tuna and a quartered moist-centered hard-cooked egg. Basta.

For the best results, choose high-quality Italian or Spanish canned tuna. The oil-packed type is generally moister and tastier (but pour off the oil from the can and substitute extra virgin from a bottle).

It's expensive, but well worth it. Would you rather have a memorable tuna sandwich occasionally or a forgettable one twice a week?

AN ITALIAN-STYLE TUNA SANDWICH

Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

SALSA VERDE:

1 cup Italian parsley leaves, washed and dried
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup roughly chopped green olives, such as Castelvetrano
3 or 4 anchovy fillets, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped capers
Zest of 1 lemon
Pinch of crushed red pepper
Salt and pepper

THE SANDWICH:

1 baguette or 4 ciabatta rolls
Handful of lettuce leaves, arugula or watercress
8 ounces best quality oil-packed tuna, drained, in large chunks
4 hard-boiled eggs
Salt and pepper
1 serrano chili, thinly sliced, optional
1. Make the salsa verde: Whiz parsley leaves and 1/2 cup oil in a food processor

or blender to a pestolike consistency, then transfer to a small bowl. (Alternatively, chop parsley by hand and combine with oil.) Add garlic, chopped olives, anchovies, capers, lemon zest and red pepper to parsley mixture and stir well. Season with salt if necessary and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Thin with more oil as desired.

2. Cut baguette crosswise into 4 equal pieces, then split each lengthwise with a serrated knife. (If using rolls, split each lengthwise.) For each sandwich, lay bread flat, crust side down. Spread cut sides with 2 tablespoons salsa verde. Put a few lettuce leaves on 1 piece of bread and arrange 2 ounces of tuna over lettuce. Top tuna with 1 egg, quartered. Season egg lightly with salt and pepper. Add sliced serrano chili, if using. Drizzle with a little more salsa verde, then press sandwich closed. □